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# Fury at US law to curb

## Europe **VOWS** to defy Clinton

hen Bates in Brussels

"indispensable nation" to companies investing in these take economic and military countries ... is the wrong measures against any state path," the German economics measures against any state that it believes sponsors

He brushed aside the angry vows of retaliation by Britain. France and other European allies, to sign into law contro-versial legislation which will punish any foreign company investing in oil or gas ven-

tures in fran or Libya. With the European Union, Canada and other countries aiready furious at the Helms-Burton Act, which uses US law to punish third countries doing business in Cuba, Mr Clinton is pushing the US claim to extra-territorial authority and world leadership further than ever before.

"Where we don't agree, the United States cannot and will hot refuse to do what we be-lieve is right," Mr Clinton said, as relatives of the vic-tims of Pan-Am flight 103 and TWA flight 800 stood beside him on the platform for maxi-

him on the platform for maximum emotional effect.

"You cannot do business with countries that practise commerce with you by day, while finding or protecting the terrorists who will kill you or your innocent civilians by night," he said, in a direct challenge to British and Fritzensen phartipus to and European objections to

the sanctions. "Iran and Libya are two of the most dangerous sponsors of terrorism in the world," Mr Clinton said, adding that there could be no business as

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usual with them.
"I hope and expect that before too long our allies will come around to accepting that hindamental truth," he said, skating over the looming collision with Europe and

The Foreign Office said yesierday it could not accept the US threat of sanctions against British companies.

spite British and EU repre-sentations. "It is for the UK

France — which has far greater trade with Iran — started high-level diplomatic talks with other EU states, including Britain, yesterday in an effort to co-ordinate Euro-

nation to ensure that French interests are not affected and that any damage does not go without retaliation," the hosted a Group of Seven (G7)

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trade commissioner, strongly criticised the US law, and warned of retaliation. "The EU has already said it will act to defend its rights and inter-

ton's decision lacks international backing and is doomed to failure." Tehran radio

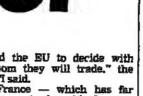
panies wishing to invest \$40 million (£25.5 million) or more a year in Iran or Libya. Strenuous European lobbying succeeded in watering down earlier drafts that would have given the US the right to pun-ish any foreign company trading with either country. In 1995, Britain exported

£332 million-worth of goods to Iran, compared with £289 million the year before. Some 50 per cent of exports are in the oil and gas sector. The DTI said British firms abide by existing United Nations sanctions on trade with

Libya.
The Confederation of British industry said the law caused "great concern". It also expressed worty at plans contained in the legislation to ban companies penalised by its measures from winning

US government contracts.
The most recent figures, for 1994, show EU countries exporting just over £3 billion-worth of goods to Iran and importing more than 23.8 billion-worth. Most of that will have been in oil, mainly to the Netherlands. Germany, France and Italy.

The president's statement In an unusually curt state at George Washington Uni-ment, the Department of Trade and Industry said it regretted the president's decire plan of his election rival, the Republican Bob Dole, and to applied to the plan of the second to applied the president's safement. exploit US outrage at recent bombings against Americans.



pean retaliation against the US. "We reaffirm our determi

French foreign ministry said. France, which last week meeting on anti-terrorist co-operation, disagreed with the US opinion that Iran, Libya,

ests if they are jeopardised by this legislation," he said. Iran predicted the legisla-tion would not succeed. "Clin-

## and the EU to decide with whom they will trade." the DT said.

RESIDENT Bill Iraq and Sudan were terrorist states, a foreign affairs spokesman said.

Germany, the EU country with the greatest involvement with the greatest involvement.

said in a statement. Sir Leon Brittan, the EU

quoted a foreign ministry spokesman, Mahmoud Mo-hammadi, as saying. The US ban applies to com-

Penghin was started by Michael Lynto Allen Lane in 1935 and is bound to succeed

Hollywood boss turns new page at Penguin ICHAEL Lynton who grew up with a Penguin in his

made Crimson Tide and The Rock, said: "I grew up with Penguin books. I grew up near the Hague and there was a Penguin book-shop nearby. It was the only place I could get English language books

> the shop once or twice a The move brings Mr Lynton — 38 years old — back to the New York publishing world after a two-year so-journ in Hollywood. He started Hyperion, Disney's publishing arm, where he published the likes of the maverick politician Ross Perot and American sit-com star Tim Allen. Now he will face authors like the Booker prize winner Pat Barker, Saul Bellow and Gabriel Garcia Marquez.

Mr Lynton, president of who turned the company Hollywood Pictures, which around Bill Buford, fiction editor of the New Yorker, said said Mayer "cleared out the sound but unprofitable backlists and brought

and I must have gone into

Lynton: 'He's

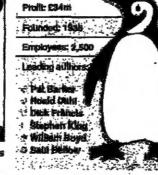
owned by Pearson plc, the British information, publishing and entertainment group. It has come a long vast amounts of cash for way from the 1970s when, losing money, it was conpocket, became chairman of the world's best loved publishing house Mr Lynton has taken sidered to be the home of Dahl — as well as the liter-

the highbrow.

Mr Lynton has taken over from Peter Mayer, who turned the company his British-born successor.

"He's young and energetic. He's bound to succeed." Mr Lynton said yesterday that his tastes were varied, from Stephen King in com-Penguin books Owners: Peerson bic Temover Cartin Folinded: 1935

Penguin — Stephen King, Dick Francis and Roald



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active part in choosing the authors published by Pen-guin and subsidiaries like Viking, Dutton and Hamish Hamilton.

yet but I would take a chance and say yes, I will be involved," he said.
Mr Lynton, who was edu-

cated at Harvard, started at

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## Mail monopoly broken

Lang takes on postal workers after union | tives, who believe it will earn them Brownie points with the announces four new 24-hour strikes

Seumas Miline Labour Editor

tention of moving against striking public service workers with the analysis of the Post Office's letter ing the Post Office's letter monopoly from midnight, as the Communication Workers' Union announced four new 24-hour postal strikes on top of today's planned walkout.

In a move calculated to raise the political stakes in the escalating industrial dising the monopoly on mail costing less than £1 for a month. If strikes continued, he would extend the suspension for three months.

Yesterday's announcement came shortly after Alan Johnson, CWU general secretary, had declared that Royal Mail's refusal to reopen nego-tiations over its plans for American-style "learnwork-ing" had left the union's executive "very little alternative" to calling further 24-hour stoppages. These will run from 3am to 3am on August 14. August 22. August 30 and

September 2 Mr Johnson dismissed the putes in Royal Mail and the London Underground, Ian withdrawal of the 156-year-old monopoly as a "bit of crude said: "We are not play politicking by the Conserva-Lang, the Trade and Industry Secretary, said he was break-

public.". He said people would se that the Government, which had failed to privatise the Post Office two years ago, wanted the dispute to continue. Mr Lang countered with a pre-election revival of the lan-

guage of the early 1960s. He said it was "wholly unacceptable that a group of extremists within the CWU are able to hold the country to economic ransom." He called on "spineless" Labour to condemn the postal strikes, insisting his mo-nopoly withdrawal was essential to protect the inter-ests of businesses and domestic consumers.

Last night Labour refused to condemn the postal walkouts. Stephen Byers, Labour's employment spokesman, said: "We are not playing

A compromise by England on moviey elid

**Anti-abortion** group offers £25,000 to save twins

Chris Mihili and Nick Varley

PRO-LIFE group last might offered the pregnant woman who wants one of the twins she is carrying to be aborted \$25,000 if she allows both hables to live: both habies to live.
The Society for the Protection of Unburn Children said the offer was aimed at allowing the woman — a single mother of limited means — in-

mancial security to bring up both twins. The offer came on top of one from an Italian anti-abortion

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Mr Buford points out that

older than Mr Lynton when

be came to London for

Penguin.
The days when literary

men ran the big publishers

have gone, he said. "Mayer is the exception. Penguin

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## Rich pickings at the Magpies' nest



Peter Hetherington

Multi-million-pound man, the most expensive footballer of all time, arrives at St James's Park for his

deification. With thousands chanting outside in a huge car park cleared for the occasion, he will mount a special, black and white bedecked stage in

the middle of a stand. Surrounded by the club's effective owner, property de-veloper Sir John Hall, manager Kevin Keegan and other directors, he will tell the world, and 1,400 workers im-ported from the club's brewery sponsors across the road, why Newcastle United is so

special to him. With a signing-on fee of \$2.5 million, basic pay of £1.2 mil-lion a year, an estimated £33,000 per match -- or £6.17p for every second on the pitch
— and much more besides,

you can understand why. The restless bosses of the Premier League runners-up, who have forked out more than £50 million on Britain's most expensive team, will return the compliments. Then Alan Shearer will mount another, second stage opposite the car park for more

Some have likened it to the Second Coming, "Stupid, isn't it?" smiled one longstanding unemployed fan, clutching a ticket for the FA Charity Shield against Manchester United at Wembley on Saturday ("At more than £400 a shot, I couldn't afford a sea ticket.")

to match the return of Shearer, local boy made megarich who, some have sug-gested rather unconvincingly, wants to rediscover his Tyneside roots.

Throughout the day, and over the previous nights, fans excluded from St James's Park by the club's high prices, queued and camped for 35,000

First night

Brian Logan

Hamiet Rose Theatre, Oxford

XFORD Stage Compa-

ny's crisp new Hamlet is set in 1996 to give it.

There is little in the look of the

mic, stultifying antiquity. Matthew Wright's set too, a vast tomb etched in filigree

production to suggest our time. But that all the better

points to monarchy's en-

gold with a litany of the

Danish dead, hints at the

The production starts

abruptly and never lets up.

William Russell doubles as

Claudius and his incorporeal brother — one slick and

sharp-suited, the other, not unreasonably, more sombre.

It is no wonder Gertrude falls into Claudius's arms. Wipe

the smile off his face — as his

stepson soon does — and he is a dead ringer for her dead

hubby.
The pair are feted by a clipped Court, all canned en-

smiles. Rosencrantz and Guil-denstern represent its ghastli-

est excesses — precisely the sort of immaculately preened

chinless wonders with whom mum and dad would make you

hang out. On the skulduggery's side-

lines, Colin George is an excel-lent Polomius, deploying a comic timing and lightness of touch strongly reminiscent of Richard Briers. Ophelia, as

ever, is so wishy-washy she might have drowned before

the show began — like Den-

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Charity Shield tickets. Some brought foil blankets to keep out the cold. The contrast between the super-rich stars and the lowly fans could not have een greater.

"It's nothing to do with Shearer," said 20-year-old Colin Pattinson, unemploye like many in the queue. would be here if he wasn't coming. I'm a true supporter. At the front of the queue,

Tammy Graham, aged 20, thought the club could be terribly unfair over pricing. "People who ve gone for year can't afford to get in now. I suppose that's business." Her office worker colleague

24-year-old Amanda Cox. couldn't quite come to terms with Shearer's salary. "I earn less than half his weekly wage for the whole year," she gasped. "He'd better play well."

Newsagent Anthony Joyce was uneasy. "Frankly, £15 mil-lion is an obscene amount. A lot of people think it's excessive when set against all the cutbacks taking place else-where. But then again, I suppose nothing is cheap these

Unlike the rest of the team. Shearer at least has a clean sheet — and, crucially, is free from the humiliation of a Far East tour when an unknown Japanese side, called Gamba Osaka "cut through the Newcastle defence like a Samurai sword through butter making a mockery of big signings" — in the words of the local paper.

Keegan seemed embar-rassed. Few players came out of the game well. Many more might have to fight for their places. 'I'm glad we were not playing the best in Japan," he

said yesterday.

And that's the point, surely. You can make big signings — Ginola, Ferdinand, Asprilia but you can't, necessarily, buy a first class team. The cheque book, sometimes, has its limitations, as Sir John Hall found to his cost at the end of last

This time there can be no excuses. A vast business empire is being built on the ssumption that Newcastle will — must — win the Pre-miership. They also have to win on Sunday. And Shearer, the saviour, has to perform— quickly. There can be no excuses. It is a terrible burden

mark's other literary icon, the Little Mermaid, she's wet, wet,

very much of our age. The di-minutive figure he cuts is poi-gnantly ineffectual, like "the

glow-worm's fire"; full of fu-tile rage against the iniquities

of the adult world and his own

Prince of Denmark. He steeps himself indulgently in the

drama in which fate has cast

him, while also, palpably, suf-

fering from it - when he hies

Ophelia to a nunnery, we feel

renders this cyclone of confu-

sion with a vivid and instinc-tively likeable freshness and

eyes rest on the extinguished Hamlet, crumpled on the throne. To see this take on his

travails is not to "bend those

eyes on vacancy". On the con-trary, we are never less than

2.043 people interviewed were satisfied with the speed of the postal delivery service and 80

per cent were happy with Post Office counter services,

putting the two branches of

his hurt, not hers. Pepperell

adolescent impotence. It is Holden Caulfield, pint-sized

Ian Pepperell's Hamlet reminds us that the play is

Modern Hamlet's

timeless appeal



Prostitutes' services on display in a telephone box in central London. About 150,000 calling cards are placed in phone boxes in the capital every week

**Prostitutes** who place 'sex for sale'

calling cards in phone boxes to be cut off

James Meikle Community Affairs Editor

PROSTITUTES who advertise their services in elephone boxes are to have their phones cut off in an attempt to rid city centres of their calling cards. Incoming calls to "sex for

sale" numbers will be barred by engineers operat-

ing under new rules agreed by the main telecommunica-tion companies. The measures follow complaints from residents and tourists. About 200 prostitutes are thought to be responsible for the hard core of payphone advertising in the capital, paying "card boys" around £10 for every 100 they put in boxes. The changes represent a

A pilot scheme to cut the calls foundered because

licensine rules.

prostitutes argued success-fully that BT was breaking its promise to provide a "miversal service".
The changes, expected to

four-year campaign to force industry regulator Oftel and

the Government to change

where card-calling is most evident. But the rule changes will also hit taxi firms, window cleaners and other small businesses.

and parts of Manchester

victory for Westminster city | be introduced in a fort-council, which has fought a night, particularly affect four-year campaign to force | central London, Brighton

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companies whose numbers are advertised. The calls will be logged on computers and when they appear more than eight times, let-ters will be sent to arount it

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They will be given a week to explain, or promise not to continue the service, before another letter is sent

## New upheaval for phones

Running out of numbers (again)

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 Markyate ♣ Iver Cost dismays businesses as codes change again to meet explosion in demand

ILLIONS of telephone numbers within the next five years, it was announced yesterday only 16 months after the last major revision. The news dismayed businesses facing

extra costs as a result. A new national numbering scheme will be introduced to cope with an explosion in demand for ordinary lines, faxes, pagers, modems and telephones, the Office of Telecommunications expected to create enough numbers for the next 30 to 40

As businesses pondered having to undate stationery, signs and computer programming, a British Chambers of Commerce spokeswoman said: "We are slightly disappointed they didn't get it right the first time. I think businesses may

be finding it a bit wearisome to go through it all again." Don Cruickshank, Director General of Oftel, said yesterday: "PhoneDay [in April 1995] created 8 billion new numbers for us and now we have to take advantage of this opportunity and develop a coherent, flexible and robust scheme to ensure the long term availability of numbers for both residential and business users.

"The UK is at the front of the information revolution reserved for future services.

dynamic markets in telecom-munications networks and services. If we are to maintain our leading position, and reap the rewards that flow from our numbering scheme

must keep pace." have been added to the existing 01 code start. Under Oftel's proposals, the 02 prefix will be used to meet the need for extra telephone lines. expanding the current 01 system based around geo-graphical areas. Businesses wanting one

regardless of location, will be offered a new 05 range. A special "find me anywhere" code for mobiles, pagers and personal numbers will be set up on 07.

Specially tariffed services, such as freephone and shared cost numbers will be 08 numbers, and premium rate services will have an 09 prefix. Codes 03, 04 and 06 will be

because we have one of the | The proposals will not be | neers, to prepare for the new world's most competitive and | finalised until December, and | numbers. none of the new codes will be introduced before the year

> Oftel says London, Cardiff, Belfast, Southsmoton and ling codes are changing we Portsmouth will have to will incur some fairly sub-Portsmouth will have to change to new area codes. 01222 to 0282, Beifast from 01232 to 0292, Southampton from 01703 to 0233 and Portsmouth from 01705 to 0235. Elsewhere most numbers would not change.

London may return to one single code, with both 0171 and 0181 becoming 020, or it could also have 022 for outer

Companies based in areas earmarked for change did not relish the thought of being forced to hand over more ers and switchboard engi-

COLT International, suppliers of beating and ventilation, based in Portsmouth, said: "If our company telephone diaistantial costs for replacing cards and most importantly our product literature, which has a long customer library shelf life. There will also have to be customer database undates, which will also incur

Also in Portsmouth, a Brittany Ferries spokesman said: "It's going to be very inconvenient and a pain in the neck so soon after the last number changes. It means added stationery and printing."

## EU tries to break Mostar deadlock

Julian Borger in Mostar

variety. To say that interest in his Hamlet never palls — strange, yes, but true — is no SECOND European Union deadline passed yesterday evening withexaggeration. Gladstone once called Disraeli a rhetorician inebriated on the exuberance of his own verbosity. This Hamlet - too young, of course, to be inebri-

ated — is at least diverted by his.
"To be or not to be" seems a self-serving digression. Not for him the dashing decisive.
"With his tester. ness of Laertes. With his taste for words Hamlet may already under fire in a Muslim disknow that, with a name like Fortinbras, the Norwegian trict, but it was unclear if has ultimate victory in the bag. So he does, seizing the bag. So he does, seizing the Danish succession with effort-less simplicity quite stunning in the dying heat of some slaughterous swordplay. All

in Mostar, as tensions sur faced between the Bosnian town's Muslims and Croats. EU officials reported a shooting incident last night on the outskirts of town as community leaders remained

two Bosnian Muslims by agreed to drop their boycott of

checkpoints were set up along

mandate formally came to an end on Sunday morning after two years of attempts to reintegrate the bitterly divided city. But EU officials said yesterday they felt success was close enough to merit con-

the council.

tors were last night attempt-

and only once, that is our last proposal," said Mijo Brajko

erted pressure on both sides to compromise, fearing that failure would encourage nationalist obstructionism and jeopardise countrywide elec-

began on Sunday, but the pull-out has stalled as the 130 diplomats, bureaucrats and policemen await an outcome. But one British source said: "In effect the draw-down is al-

#### Croat police earlier in the the new council, elected in evening. EU sources say the two were released, but police jority. But their condition one part of one sentence," Dragan Gasic, the EU spokes-

tion of a multi-ethnic council ocked in talks. Initial reports said a Croat car came

bere were any casualties. The shooting appeared to be in six hours of talks on Sun-in retaliation for the arrest of day night, the Mostar Croats

the former front line.
The stability brought in

recent weeks by EU-spon-sored elections and talks threatens to unravel if the talks fail and EU officials and police withdraw. The EU administrative

tinuing the dialogue.
In six hours of talks on Sun-

one council meeting before a joint Muslim-Croat supreme court rules on voting discrep-ancies, which the Croats say invalidate the elections and The council will meet once

vic, the self-styled "mayor" of Croat-run West Mostar. Muslim leaders point out that the supreme court has not yet been formed, and they expect the Croats to block its the Mostar council. Media

ing to draft a compromise.

man in Mostar, said. The United States has ex-

tions in September. EU withdrawal technically

ready beginning, because the best people are leaving."

#### European ruling on guest beers 'disastrous' for real ale

Stephen Bates in Brussels

BREWERS and beer drinkers rushed to the defence of British bitter last night in the face of the latest hreat from Brussels to force pubs to take European

draught beers.

The move — taken under single market legislation — warns of possible legal action by the European Commission if imported draught beers are not admitted. not admitted. There were immediate claims that the Commission's

foray threatened both small breweries and local pubs' continuing chances of stocking real ales. The Campaign for Real Ale

threatens the choice of real ale in British pubs. This is unwarranted interference from Brussels — the British market is already the most

The cause of the row is the Commission's insistence that the free movement of goods is threatened by the so-called guest beers agreement seven years ago, which opened the pub trade to allow landlords to sell one additional brand of beer beside those they were tied to sell. tied to sell.

tion process only used in Brit-ain, blocking the market to European draught beers.

already extremely common in | breweries and flood pubs with

launched the Commission's move originated from a British-based firm, the Bavarian Lager Company, based in north-west England, which

manufacturers.

Brian Finnerty, Brewers and Licensed Retailers' Association spokesman, said: "We already take a great deal of beer from the EU — £230 million worth last year. We have a specialist market here and we hope the Government will behave robustly to defend it."

The Government has 40

The Government has 40 days to respond to the Com-

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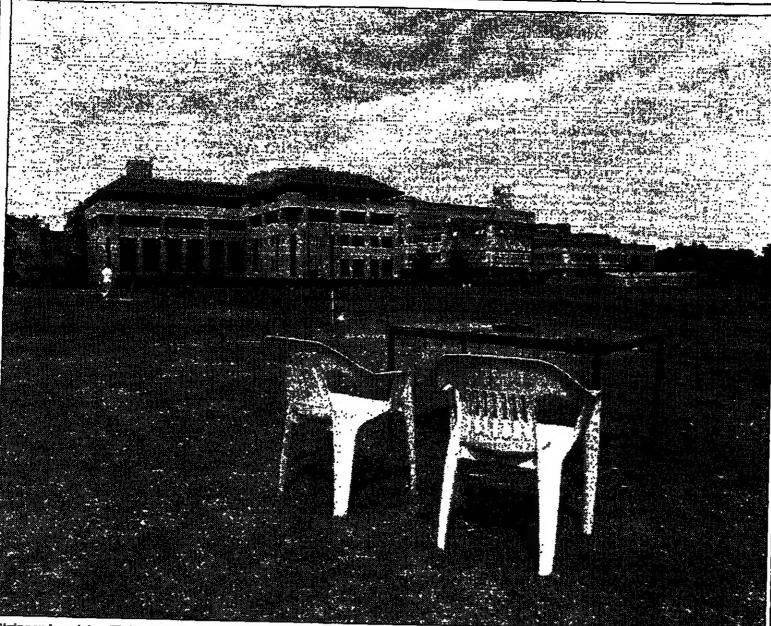
The catch so far as Europe is concerned is that the guest beer must be produced by the cask-conditioned fermentapubs, or draught beers and lagers, such as Guinness and Stella Artois, which are brewed in Britain under icence.
The complaint which

north-west England, which claimed its products were being discriminated against. The Commission said: "The rule is discriminatory because it has the effect of excluding draught beers from other member states and as such constitutes a disquised. such, constitutes a disguised restriction of intra-commu-

nity trade. Camra claimed that, if sucsaid the move was "abso-lutely disastrous news . . . it fect European bottled beers, move would squeeze small ing companies."

more mass-produced national beers and lagers from major

mission, whose move ap-peared to take the Depart-ment of Trade and Industry by surprise. A spokesman said: "We thought we were al-ready in discussion with the Commission on this point and have already agreed to a meeting with European brew-



## Saudi gift plays havoc at Oxford

Stuart Willer

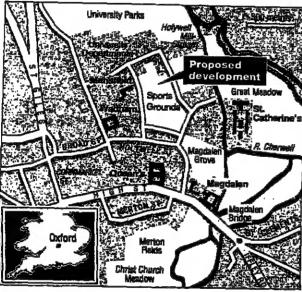
T WAS billed as the most generous gift to Oxford University in 50 years. But a £20 million donation by Wafic Said. a Saudi entrepreneur, to build a management school has caused a bitter row.

Employees yesterday pre-sented a petition signed by more than 1,000 colleagues to university leaders in an attempt to stop the school being built on a sports ground used by the staff The ground, in the centre

of the city, is used mainly by non-academic and technicel staff who do not have access to college facilities.
They say the Said Business School — with outdoor amphitheatre and a landscaped garden — could damage relations between

demic staff.

the university and non-aca-



posal from the co-chairmen - both dons - to back the development plan.

There is a lot more at stake here than a planning At an emergency meeting, more than 100 club ogy tutor at Balliol College the very heart of what the members rejected a pro- and a local Green party university is all about."

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site. He rejected plans to use the donation to extend

at Templeton College on the outskirts of the city. The university has rejected alternative sites, including car parks, as im-

cepting the donation from Mr Said. A Commons com-mittee of inquiry was told that the Syrian-born busi-

nessman was the agent for British Aerospace respon-

sible for the Al-Yamamah defence deal with Saudi

Arabia, although he denies

The sports ground was sold to the university by Merton College in the 1960s, when the universi-

y's vice chancellor prom-

ised there would be no de-velopment without the

college's agreement. But Mr Said, who is understood

to give to the Tory party.

has insisted on the central

he is an arms dealer.

Staff have questioned the | College, is "ideal for such a | Stef Spencer, chair-ethical implications of ac | world class building". | woman of the council's The plan has enraged

local residents and has been greeted by strong cross-party opposition on the council, according to Mr Woodin. A poll of neigh-bours found around 70 per cent against. He said: "I don't think the council will back it, but it's what happens when the appeal goes to the Department of the Environment that worries me. I am afraid there will be political as well as plan-ning considerations."

No formal planning application will be submitted until the university which must raise matching funds — puts the plans to Congregation, its parliament, in November.

woman of the council's planning committee, said: "We will judge any application on it merits. But on our local plan, the sports ground is shown as an im-

portant recreational site."
She said councillors had been dismayed by the way some in the university had presented the development as a fait accompli. "There is a feeling that some people, because of their own perceptions of their impor-tance, believe there can be exceptions to the rules."

A university spokesman said yesterday that it respected the views of local residents and of staff who use the sports facilities, and was keen for full consultation.

## **RUC** orders march to be re-routed

Owen Bowcott

ROTESTANT Apprentice Boys planning to parade through a Catholic flashpoint in south Belfast next weekend were yesterday re-routed by the police in an attempt to forestall violence miles away Londonderry:

The Royal Ulster Constabu-The Royal Dister Constantiary ban was being presented as an attempt to ease sectarian tensions and help broker a deal between loyalist marchers and nationalist residents across the province idents across the province

But community talks broke up without resolution in Londonderry last night where 10,000 Apprentice Boys and 180 bands are planning to small the length of the fortiwalk the length of the forti-fied walls on Saturday for the traditional commemoration of the city's 11-month resis-tance to King James' besieg-

ing forces in 1689.
Catholic residents in the Bogside object to the parade which, they claim, is provided tive. Mediators hope there will be a compromise, avoid-ing the outbreak of widespread rioting which accompanied the four-day stand-off before the Orange Order parade at Drumcree, near Portulown, last month. Talks are

But the police decision to re-route the Apprentice Boys feeder parade, which passes through the Lower Ormeau Road in south Belfast before marchers are bussed to Londonderry, infuriated loyalists in Belfast Sandy Geddis, of the Ap-

prentice Boys' Walker Club, said: 'It's a deplorable deci-sion made in the face of threats of violence. We've walked that road for over 90 years and there has never been trouble. We've done everything to make sure it was not iriumphalist." Jan Paisley junior, of the

Democratic Unionist Party, warned that the move could icupardise the talks. This move by the RUC will fall to achieve a peaceful settlement to the dispute," he said. The RUC had been under pressure to prevent the Bel-fast purade passing down the

Lower Ormeau Road following the RUC's decision to impose a virtual curiew on the area on July 12 when local residents were forced to stay indoors until an Orange Order purade had gone by.
Assistant Chief Constable
Bill Stewart said: "Anything which can be done to remove any possibility of confrontation should be grasped. We hope the re-routing will be ac-

#### Anti-abortion group offers mother £25,000 to keep twins

continued from page 1 group, Movement for Life, which offered to pay the woman £140 a month if she allowed both twins to live.
In addition, Life, the British anti-abortion charity, raised £3,000 for the 28-year-

both children. The woman, who is said to be in "socially straitened" circumstances, already has one child and says she cannot afford two more.

old, should she decide to have

She is 16 weeks pregnant and has asked the Queen Charlotte's and Chelsea Hos-pital in London to abort one of the twins. Philip Bennett, professor of obstetrics and gynaecology at the hospital, has agreed to the request. which has not yet been carried out.

Professor Jack Scarisbrick. chairman of Life, said the de-

cologists had reached. He said the charity was contacted on Sunday by a bene-factor who wanted to donate £1,000 to the woman. It was decided to set up an appeal to help her and other women in the same circumstances. A further £2,000 was pledged in

few hours yesterday. Professor Scarisbrick said "We want to help her so she does not go down the grisly road of abortion because she is frightened she will not be

able to afford both babies."
Professor Bennett was unavailable for comment yesterday but he has said: "Killing one healthy twin sounds unethical, but my colleagues and I concluded this week that it would be better to terminate one pregnancy as soon as possible and leave one

## Fame school seeks £2m rescue

**David Ward** 

IVERPOOL'S fame school, funded in part by Paul McCartney and opened six months ago, could go bust if a rescue package of at least £2 million is not stitched together by the end of the year. The cash crisis is the result of a building scheme which cost £15.5 million, £5 million more than the original estimate.

The Liverpool Institute for Performing Arts (Lipa) is considering legal action against project managers, surveyors, engineers and others involved in the conversion of the 1825 building, once the grammar school attended by McCartney and fellow Beatle George Harrison.
"If you look at the CVs of

people here, mine included, doing up Grade II listed Georgian buildings is hardly a sig-nificant feature," said Mark Featherstone-Witty, Lipa's chief executive, yesterday. So we bring in all these professionals to help us and somehow we end up in a terri-ble mess. You begin to won-der how the hell it happened." The institute has had to take out loans to cover 13 million of the shortfall.

lion and new support is to be sought from sponsors. 'Ideally, we would like to cover the whole lot so that we don't exist like a third world country which can never get the inside.

"We had to take down a lot featherstone-Witty. "If this of things we never thought we thanked the Queen for her unhave been known in The precise cost of the condavance."

#### **Famous first words**

"We've got to get it right this time/We've got to raise it to the sky," Lines from a Paul McCartney number sung by students at the inauguration ceremony.

"I'm glad that my film Fame in some small way inspired the notion [of LIPA]... The long, gargantuan, mostly uphill struggle now has come to fruition . . . I cross my fingers for you all." Alan Parker.

'It is particularly apt for LIPA to be in Liverpool, where the international apreborn through the Fab Four and others, and how marvellous it is that it is Paul himself who is making Sir Cameron Mackintosh, LIPA patron.

"I congratulate the insti-

vate sector, the public sector and international support."

He said the cause of the overspend was the state of the building. "Like a lot of Georgian property, it looked pretty fine on the outside but turned out to be completely rotten on the inside.

The institute should have been ready in May last year but was not hand over than the maken in May last year but was not hand over the middle over the middle over a glittering inaugural ceremony at which McCartiney, who has invested more than 121 million in the project. No funds are available to cover the remaining £2 mil-

was a private enterprise business, we would be liquidating we were not warned about ourselves, but it isn't. It's a that before is a question that curious amalgam of the pri-

The institute should have thanked the Queen for her un-

version and an extension is being worked out with build-ers Balfour Beatty. The European Regional De-velopment Fund contributed 24.46 million and Liverpool City Challenge gave 23.4 mil-

Lipa, which will have more than 650 full-time students by 1997, offers degree and other courses in performance skills and career management. As a result of the building delays, the first intake has had to cram a year of study into two terms.
"The likelihood of us clos-

ing down is remote," said Mr Feathestone-Witty. "But we need that financial help. "When I take people round the building, I describe it as a mix of dream and nightmare. The dream is what we have —

it's wonderful. The nightmare is all this financial mess." The project has attracted students from several countries and the support of famous patrons including Melvyn Bragg, Dame Judi Dench, Mark Knopfler, Dud-ley Moore, Andre Previn and George Martin, the Beatles'

record producer. Alan Webster, partner in E.C. Harris, contracts managers for the LIPA project, said yesterday: "It's very difficult to make a comment at this stage. We do not know what Lips are proposing to do. Problems arose over the structural brickwork of the building and they caused de-lays and overruns in costs.

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The villagers shifted from foot to foot, uneasy. Their faces creased in sympathy. But they were silent. And when the clouds lifted, and the rain eased, there was still no clue to the fate of the four western tourists kidnapped by Kashmiri separatist gunmen last summer.

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## **Ex-soldier** admits IRA bombing

Owen Bowcott and Conor Foley

FORMER Parawho deserted in Northern Ireland at the height of the Troubles yes-terday pleaded guilty to lead-ing the IRA's bombing of Ripon barracks in north

Yorkshire 22 years ago.
Peter McMullen, nicknamed
"Pete the Para". had spent
nine years in a New York
prison fighting extradition
even though be had admitted causing the explosions.

Grey-baired and leaning on a walking stick, McMullen, 49, said little when he appeared at York crown court to plead guilty to four charges under the Explosives Act. Sentencing was postponed

There were no warnings for the four bombs at Claro Barracks, near Ripon, in March 1974 which devastated buildings and injured the manageress of a NAAFI shop. The devices had been triggered by cheap Japanese alarm clocks. It was the Provisional IRA's first bombing of an army barracks in Britain.

Born in Magherafeit, Co Londonderry, McMullen joined the British army in 1963, a career move not uncommon for young Catholic men then. His loyalties were torn when the First Battalion of the Parachute Regiment was posted to Northern Ire-

land in the early 1970s. The final split came in January 1972. In an interview last year, before returning to Brit-ain, he said he had feared what his fellow paramouped handed President Chinese handed President Ch what his fellow paratroopers talking in the mess

lican suspects, including four

who escaped from the Maze prison in 1983 and fled to the

United States, have continued

despite paramilitary cease fires in Northern Ireland.

The cases against Kevin

and Paul Brennan are still

being pursued by the North-

All four have resisted at-

mpts to return them to the United Kingdom for trial, claiming their offences were

political and their lives would

be in danger in Belfast. Artt and Kirby had been

ern Ireland Office.

**Battle continues for return** 

EXTRADITION proceed- Smyth 20 years for attempted murder and Brennan 16 years

of Ulster's wanted men

serving life for murder, tences in the republic.

deserted three days before Bloody Sunday, when 14 na-tionalist protesters were shot dead in Bogside by soldiers

dead in bugsine by somets from his regiment.

He used family connections to contact the IRA and the Belfast Brigade welcomed his military expertise. After car-rying out the Ripon bombings, he was arrested in Dublin in late 1974. He served several years for arms of-fences, during which, he claims, he became disillu-sioned with the IRA because of the pub bombings in Bir-

mingham and Guildford.
After release he was sent to
the United States on republican business but was recalled to face an IRA court martial. He fled back to New York and sought political asylum to avoid deportation for being an illegal alien. His complex predicament

left him a lonely figure, cut off from the support of repub-lican circles and facing extradition proceedings to Britain. Despite being granted politi-cal asylum — the first time such a category was con-ferred on an IRA suspect his case became the subject of protracted legal wranglings. In 1986 he lost his right to stay and was preparing to return to Dublin voluntarily

when a new extradition treaty with Britain came into force. After nine years, mainly in New York's Metroplitan Correction Centre, he accepted he would have to return to face the British courts.

president of Sinn Fein, visited Washington in November the peace process. McMul-len's name had allegedly been

for possessing explosives.

Smyth, now 42, married an American woman and

worked as a house painter in San Francisco. The US Su-preme Court rejected his ap-

peal. He is due to be deported

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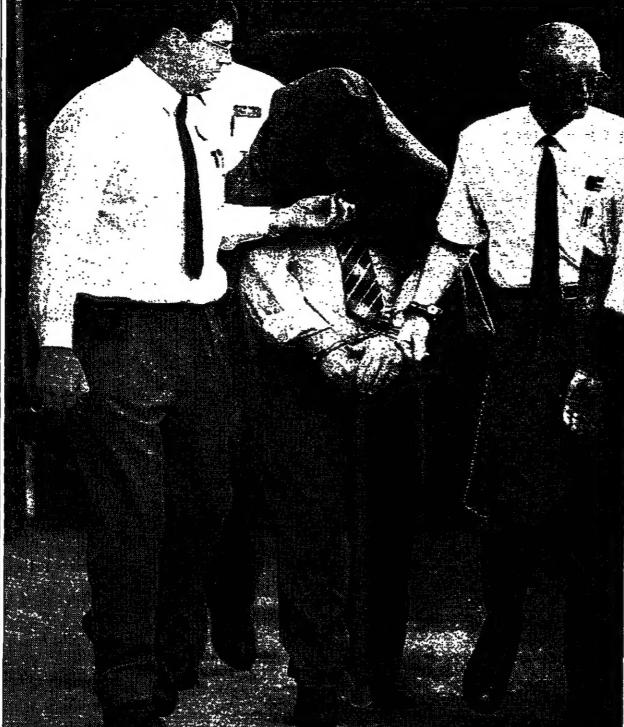
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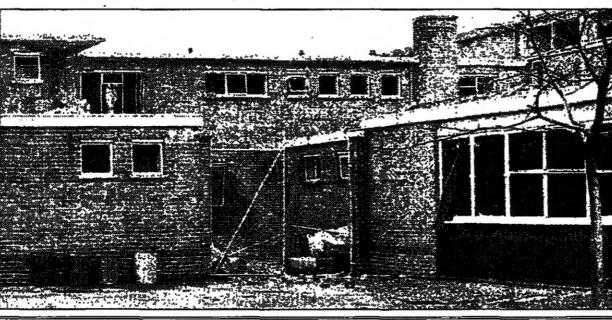
don, in 1991, are wanted in

to murder Sir Charles Tidbury, the former chairman of Whitbread. Extradition at-

tempts were forced to wait while both men served sen-



Peter McMullen, the former Parachute Regiment cook, being led away from court to await sentence for leading the IRA attack 22 years ago on the Ripon barracks (below) which devastated buildings and injured the manageress of a NAFFI shop



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Morocco holds two **Britons over drugs** 

News in brief

TWO British tourists were yesterday arrested at Casablance airport by Moroccan customs officers allegedly trying to smuggle 5kg (11lb) of hashish to Britain, a police spokesm said. They were named as Sally Louise Griffith, 18, and Louise Claire Martine, 28, both of Harwich, Essex.

Claire Martine, 28, both of Harwich, Essex.

The British consulate confirmed that the two tourists were arrested but said it could not comment on the possible charges. Police said the tourists bought the hashish in the central city of Fez. Morocco earlier this year launched a crackdown on drugs smuggling and has arrested German, French, Spanish and Hungarian nationals for alleged trafficking.

#### Golden eagle chick reared

GOLDEN eagles have successfully reared a chick at their only GOLDEN eages have successfully reared a chick at their only known nest in England for the first time in three years. The fledgling took its first flight at the closely monitored site in the Lake District where wardens from the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds maintain a 24-hour guard. Eagles have nested in the remote Haweswater area since 1969, arriving from their main British stronghold in the Scottish Highlands.

But the resident pair's failure to raise a chick since 1969 had

raised fears that the toehold might be lost. Andy Bunten, RSPB regional officer, said: "This is tremendous news for a special pair of birds and for all the volunteers and staff who have shown such dedication in safeguarding these birds from accidental disturbance or egg collectors' raids." — Martin Walnuright

#### Water firm fined £175,000

A PRIVATISED water company was fined £175,000 yesterday for poisoning one of the best salmon rivers in Britain. Severn Trent admitted leaking chemicals into the River Wye killing 33,000 salmon. Cardiff crown court heard that the leak was the company's 34th conviction since privatisation in 1990.

Mark Bailey, prosecuting for the National Rivers Authority, said the pollution from the Elan Valley water treatment works at Rhayader, Powys, had "catastrophic consequences" for the river. "An estimated \$3,000 young salmon were exterminated by this

leak, which affected eight kilometres of river."

Judge John Prosser told company executives sitting in the court that the leak was due to a combination of design defects, gross mismanagement and inferior maintenance. The company, which pleaded guilty to two counts of polluting and contaminating the river, was also ordered to pay costs and compensation

intelling almost £44,000.

In mitigation, Severn Trent's barrister, Benjamin Nicholls, told the court the chemicals leaked through a hairline crack in a pipe which was repaired as soon as it was spotted.

#### Man held on shotgun death

POLICE were last night questioning a man about the death of a Tory activist at his home in Norfolk. Robert Bull, aged 59, from Ringland, near Norwich, died of shock and haemorrhage caused by shotgun injuries, Norfolk police said. A 28-year-old local man was helping police with their inquiries. No one else is being except in connection with the death sought in connection with the death.

Mr Bull, a retired post office senior manager, was a prominent member of the Costessey Conservative Association and a friend of the local MP and former cabinet minister, John MacGregor, His son Nicholas, aged 28, a car salesman who lives in the same home is the former vice-chairman of a local branch and unsuccesfully stood for the parish council in May. Mr Bull was described by friends as a gentle, unassuming man, whose main hobby was DIY and gardening. — Alex Bellos

#### Springsteen's court move

BRUCE Springsteen is heading for a High Court confrontation over what he claims are bootleg copies of his hit double album Unearthed. He has issued a writ against Flute International Ltd. of Bristol, and Robert Tringham, of Potters Bar, Hertfordshire,

copying or authorising the copying of any part of the musical and associated literary works in 23 songs from Unearthed. He is also seeking injunctions restraining them from selling, offering for sale, and from parting with possession of recordings of his

#### 'Rotten boroughs' warning

ENGLAND is faced with a swath of "rotten boroughs" where relatively few voters can help determine which party controls their cities, the Liberal Democrats claimed yesterday. Some wards in local authorities had at least double the electorate of others despite the fact they all returned three councillors, said the party in an appeal for a review of electoral boundaries. In Liverpool the largest ward had 16,500 electors compared with 4,544 in its smallest. In Sheffield the largest was 25,069, the smallest 9,134, and in Manchester wards ranged in size from 5,468

David Rendel, the party's local government spokesman, said

the flight of population to the suburbs had beloed to create Labour fiefdoms. "The return of the rotten boroughs has all but destroyed iemocratic choice in many areas," he said. - James Meikle

#### 'Bring back my children' plea

A WOMAN yesterday pleaded with her former busband and her mother: "Please bring my children back." Sara Holmes, 27, was backed at Norwich crown court by Judge David Mellor. He made the two boys and a girl wards of court in a move to get Iranian Hamad Mirzai, 33, and Mrs Holmes's mother, Pauline Jasper, 53, an auxiliary nurse from Lowestoft, Suffolk, to return them.

Mrs Holmes, of Martlesham Heath, Suffolk, said she had married in March 1986, after meeting Mr Hamad at Lowestoft college for further education. She left her husband, a Lowestoft taxi driver, about a year ago and last week they were divorced.

Mrs Holmes has custody of the children, aged nine, seven and three, with reasonable access by her husband and her mother. with whom she lived until the divorce. She said they had the children for a month during the summer holidays. Judge Mellor yesterday asked for publicity for the case so that the children can be located.

## Exam chiefs attack limit on number of A level re-sits

plans to limit permitted re-sits in new "pass-as-you-go"

Kathleen Tattersall, secretary of the Joint Council for GCE Boards, said she found speculation about this year's results "deplorable".

Moves to change regulations covering modular exams before the first results were known were "ridicupremature".

The Department for Education and Employment confirmed yesterday that minis-ters plan to limit the number of times students can re-sit modules in the new exams, in which only 30 per cent of marks come from a final writ-

The department issued yes-terday's statement amid predictions that pupils taking modular courses for the first time in significant numbers this year will boost the A level pass rate.

Almost one in four of this year's A level grades in maths, English and the sciences will be the result of modular courses.

Traditionalists are already alarmed that the 10 percentage points rise in pass rates over five years is devaluing the academic standards. Sir Rhodes Boyson, MP, a one-time headmaster and for-

mer Tory education minister, said modular A levels were on test.

One option being considered written on". He said: "There

XAMINATION board is to allow just one re-sit, and is no comparison between a lift they don't do any better is chiefs yesterday condemned government grade, that should stand. A level course examined over short periods, which pupils can sit again and again until

they pass."
But Tony Higgins, chief executive of the Universities and Colleges Admissions Ser-vice, said that was "an abso-lute shar on the hard work that students, families and teachers put in". Ms Tattersall, chief execu-

tive of the Northern Examina-tion and Assessment Board, said Sir Rhodes's comments were a "typically British response to improved attainment. It seems that if there is an improvement there must be something wrong."
"The idea that students

should be allowed to re-sit, but then held to a lower mark

• Labour will today publish figures which show a huge

leap in the number of parents failing to secure their first choice school for their children, writes Rebecca Smithers. The Department for Education figures, obtained by Labour MP Stephen Byers in

parliamentary answers, relate to appeals lodged with local education authorities. They show that in 1994/95 there were 54,427 appeals by parents covering all schools. Of these, 38,032 were heard and 23,169 automatically rejected. Of those heard, 40 per cent (14,839) were found "in favour" of the appellant, which means the LEA has to send the child to the parents original choice of school



Sir Rhodes Boyson: 'New modular exams are worthless'

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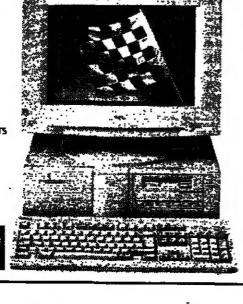
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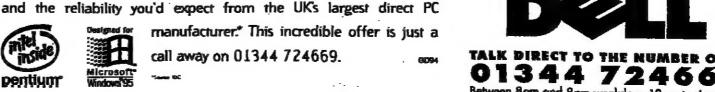
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## **Germany raises** stakes on cow cull

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ERMANY yesterday noved towards a fresh confrontation with Britain over mad cow disease when Bonn demanded that the selective culling programme for British BSE-infected cattle be widened to include calves.

Bonn also ordered further domestic action aimed at curbing the perceived threat of BSE, attacked the Euro-pean Commission for being over-hasty in relaxing the export ban on British cattle products, and insisted that the commission re-examine promptly the efficacy of Britain's programme to eliminate

German officials flatly con-tradicted last week's Ministry of Agriculture statement that fresh evidence that BSE could be passed from cow to calf need not affect the Govern-

meet not anect the Governs meeting of the selective culling programme be extended to the last-born calves of BSE-infected cattle," said Werner findings.

Zwingmann, head of the veterinary department at the an agriculture ministry. week a new study showing

that BSE could be transmitted maternally in cattle. "The UK eradication plan for BSE already acknowledged this possibility ... All the measures necessary to protect public health are already in place." German officials yesterday indirectly criticised what they clearly view as British complacency on BSE.

The agriculture minister Jochen Borchert, said Brus-sels had to act swiftly in reviewing the programme a ready agreed for tackling BSF The new evidence "means

we have to decide whether new action is required, whether the current messures are sufficient or whether more needs to be done", he said.

meeting of health and agricul-ture officials from the central government and the 16 federal states, hastily convened to discuss the latest British

Asked whether British dairy products were safe for con-sumption, Mr Borchert said Whitehall revealed last there was no hard evidence of consumers to buy German. "Germany is BSE free."

Last week in its statement the UK ministry said there was no evidence of BSE infecthrough milk. It added, howogy department in Wey-bridge, Surrey, was "under bridge, Surrey, was "under-taking further detailed studies on this point and that the results of these studies will be available very soon."

Since then the ministry has ehemently denied that any studies on the possible risk from milk are being done. Mr Borchert demanded that the commission and its veterinary and scientific commit-tees address the issue of milk and dairy products and the risk of BSE infection.

He said the beef crisis was being exacerbated by the fact that, despite the world export ban on beef imposed this



A walker surveys the Lulworth section of the 600 mile South-West Coastal Path, which is to be reopened after closure because of erosion. The rerouted 600 yard section has been agreed between Dorset county council, Lulworth Estate and the Bishop's Cottage hotel

## **Minister warns BBC** not to cast change in stone

Andrew Cult Wedla Correspondent

HE BBC was warned yesterday that changes to the World Service should not be "cast in stone" before the Foreign Office had ensured its character and quality had been preserved. The FO minister Jeremy Hanley said any changes introduced by the BBC before a joint working party with the Foreign Office reported next month could not be regarded

"If the BBC choose to make management changes or cer-tain appointments in that time scale, then there is the understanding that they could be reversed if the qual-ity and the ethos of the World Service was proved to be at risk," he told Radio 4's The

Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, ordered the setting up of the working group last month, after a meeting with Sir Christopher ter through to the main-Bland, the BBC's chairman. It will assess the impact of the BBC's plan to merge the ser-vice's English language and news programmes with do-

mestic departments.

The BBC has said that work will proceed on the changes, but implementation is not due until next April It has already appointed senior World Service personnel to oversee the merger of news departments with BBC News, the do-

mestic directorate. Mr Hanley reiterated the Government's concern over serves the convenience of the the lack of consultation. "We BBC."

Save the World Service

felt that the BBC should rec ognise that nothing should be cast in stone before we had the opportunity to make sure that the quality and special character of the World Service had been protected."

Mr Hanley insisted there should be financial transparadministration because the ter through to the main-stream BBC."

But he said suggestions from cabinet sources, re-ported in yesterday's Guard-ian, that Mr Rifkind had already decided to tear up director general John Birt's blueprint were "very inaccurate indeed".

Menagement was an issue for the BBC, but the Foreign Office as paymaster needed to maintain the service's quality. "There has to be the proper priority which serves our audience and not just



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#### **Blood samples 'switched to** avoid maintenance payout'

A HOSPITAL orderly and his lover tampered with blood samples so he could avoid paying maintenance for his trial. his baby daughter, Maidstone crown court was told

Timothy Anderson, aged 24, had a blood test to determine paternity but then he and his girlfriend, nursing sister Elizabeth Mills, aged 33, sent off for analysis a sample belonging to another man.

The child's mother, Carol

Thomas, aged 42, was horrified when the result con-cluded that Anderson was not the biological father. Certain that he was, she made an official complaint to Medway NHS Trust and the police.

Anderson was arrested and

another sample taken. This proved that he was almost 6,000 times more likely to be the child's father than any other man. Anderson, of Lenham, near

Maidstone, Kent, denies committing an act intending to pervert the course of justice between May 1994 and June

Mills, a mother of three,

The jury heard that Ander-

son and Mrs Thomas met in January 1993. She already had four children and by March that year she was pregnant.
She reluctantly agreed to an abortion, but changed her

mind after having a scan and seeing her unborn child. The little girl was born in November that year. Mrs

Thomas gave up work and began claiming benefit. The Child Support Agency stepped in and Anderson, who disputed paternity, had to undergo a blood test. At the time he and Mills were working at Medway hospital, Gillingham.

The court heard that Mills arranged for a consultant to witness the taking of the blood. Michael O'Sullivan, prose

cuting, said: "Quite simply his sample was switched with that of another person once the doctor had left." The trial continues.

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eyes and say that not one award, not even the grant to the Royal Opera House, has been made at the expense of any other. We have sufficient money. **Lord Gowrie** 

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## Israel hopes to tempt Syria with Lebanon deal

ister, Binyamin Netan-yahu, expressed confidence yesterday about the prospect for resuming peace negotiations with Syria. He indicated that a so-called "Lebanon-first" for-mula would be a good starting point for the talks, which have looked highly improba-ble since he and his hard-line

Likud government came to power two months ago. President Hafez al-Assad of Syria has yet to respond. Despite his campaign to show good will on all fronts, he will almost certainly reject what he considers to be a subter-fuge to postpone indefinitely discussion of the future of the Golan Heights. Syria demands a complete Israeli has ruled that out.

Under "Lebanon-first", Is-rael would withdraw from south Lebanon's "security zone" in return for the dis-bandment of the Hizbullah guerrillas, the return of the Lebanese army to the south and various "security

Syria and Lebanon have called it a "trap" into which they will not fall. Mr Netanyahu was speak-

ing at a press conference in Amman after holding talks with King Hussein of Jordan, who had been in Damascus over the weekend. His offi-cials denied that he was acting as a mediator between Syria and Israel, but said that Jordan was ready to help revive the peace process. Mr Netanyahu said Israei was "ready to engage in peace negotiations with Syria on all outstanding issues". Speak-ing of Lebanon, he said that Israel had no territorial

Israel had no territorial But the Syrian and Leba-

nese governments have so far made clear that they see "Lebanon-first" as a strategem by which Mr Netanyahu can conceal his basic intransigence. Then Syria can be cast in the role of spoiler, as the obstacle to an Israeli

It seems, however, that, while as unbending as ever about his basic requirements for peace, President Assad is trying to appear flexible too. He has cultivated relationships with King Hussein, the president of the Palestinian Authority Yasser Arafat, and the Europeans, he has been patient with the Americans, and has avoided any appearance of "rejectionism". He

## Nablus lowers the flag on Arafat

Derek Brown in Mablus

missing in Nablus. The city seems to be going about its business normally: the and there is no suggestion of tension, let alone trouble. But

something is missing. Realisation comes with a hock: there is not a single Palestinian flag in sight. For nearly three years, since the signing of the Oslo peace accord, Nablus has been festooned in red, white, green and black. Now only the black remains: the colour of mourn-

The national colours came

at the hands of Palestinian security men. They battered and burned him and, according to one account, drilled holes through his hands. The 26-year-old was brain-dead by the time he reached hospital. Yesterday a black flag flut-tered over the Jumayal home in Nablus. Women of the fam-

ily, drained of tears yet still white with grief, clustered in a downstairs room. Upstairs, two of Mahmoud's brothers talked round and round their anger, their disillusion — and their fear.

"We should watch what we are saying," said Mu'aed, aged 23. "I don't want my mother to lose another one." Amir, aged 24, said simply that he was "not ready" to

was tortured to death. He laughed bitterly when reminded that the Palestinian Authority president, Yasser Arafat, had called the murder 'a mistake"

"What kind of mistake was it? They burned him all over his body," he said. moud Jumayal, the seventh Palestinian to die at the hands of the Palestinian security forces, was the victim of a system that simply cannot tol-erate criticism, let alone opposition. He was no danger to anybody — he had been in prison on Jericho for eight months, uncharged and untried - but he represented an

affront to the elite which now

Nablus, in December last year, Mahmoud was a power-ful man. He had been in an Israeli prison, and had spent a couple of years on the run More recently, he was associated with Ahmed Tabouq, leader of the so-called Fatah

The Hawks, an offshoot of Yasser Arafat's own Fatah movement, had a robust view of order and how to enforce it. Their targets were collabora-tors, drug-dealers and pimps and in less than a couple of years, while Israeli occupation forces looked the other way, they executed at least 12 and kneecapped a couple of Mahmoud, according to his

Mu'aed was also involved with Taboug's faction and was arrested at the same time as the leader of the Hawks. When Mahmoud went to Jeri-

him. He was neutral, even

with people dealing with drugs. He used to listen to all

Mahmoud's body was borne

too was arrested. Both were detained for eight months. Mu'aed was released only to attend his brother's funeral. Why Mahmoud was brought back to Nablus on July 27 to be

through the throng in a interrogated in the Jueid simple shroud, his face and hands uncovered, so that those who could struggle near prison remains unclear. The "questioning" was done by a enough could kiss him.
The Palestinian Authority,
whose men murdered Mahunit of the coastal police — one of at least 10 semi-autonomous Palestinian security forces resmoud, had the gall to offer a ponsible only to Mr Arafat. military escort for the fu-neral, and a flag to drape over the body. Both were turned

The three thugs who killed Mahmoud were tried in Jericho last week, in the wake of widespread West Bank protest. Two were jailed for 15 years: the third for 10 years. There was no cross examination. Few in Nablus believe they will serve more than a

An inquiry has been set up, consisting entirely of local Fatah worthies. The Jumava family has not been allowed its own representation, nor can it ask any questions. One of the few men in Nablus with the courage to speak

his mind on such atrocities is a former mayor, Bassam al-He believes that the Oslo land-for-peace formula was a

Earlier this year, when Mr Arafat made his first triumphal visit to "liberated" Nablus, he asked to see Mr Shaka Mr Shaka firmly refused to have Abu Amar — the lead-

home. Mr Arafat, he told the

great man's no doubt horri-

moud Jumaya!? I don't know for sure, but I think his group took an independent line in-side Fatah, and Abu Amar did not want that. He didn't want a man with such strength, be said. Lost January Mr Shaka was

He was similarly blunt

vesterday. "Why they did this to Mah-

denouncing the Palestinian elections, and predicting — accurately — that the new elected council would not temper Mr Arafat's autocratic

ways.
"Now you can see what the council is doing. This is Abu Amar's democracy. If Abu thing, then that thing must be against democracy, and must be stopped," he said.

## Art at the cutting edge of economy

Avignon's museum restoration has made it France's most indebted town, writes Paul Webster

HE first floor gallery of the newly reopened Musée Calvet near the Palais des Papes in Avi-gnon is illuminated by a row of huge windows that add to an impression of airy optimism in a building that has been closed for

Busts of the Vernet family of Provençal painters, who were among the many private donors to the mu-seum, line the way to other restored galleries housing two of the most valued exhibits - David's La Mort du Jeune Bara and Chassér-iau's La Nymphe Endormie. one of the 19th century's most scandalous works.

While nobody would dare put a price on these two cost of restoration has raised a question mark over the national museum

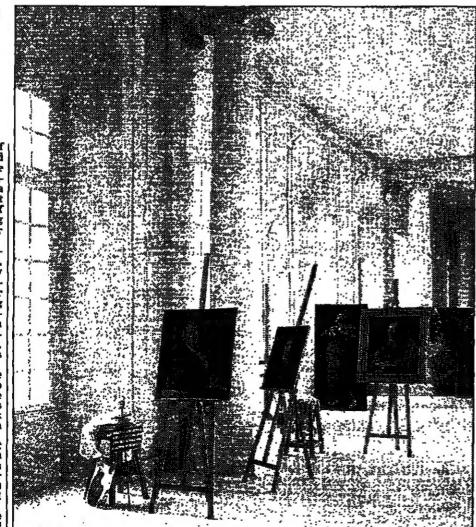
About 400 have been built or improved in less than 20 years. Another 60 schemes are under way, adding to or enlarging the existing 1,300 national and municipal

The decision to renovate the Musee Calvet, created under Napoleon with gifts from a local doctor. Esprit Calvet, was taken in 1986 by the rightwing council. Political quarrels, finan-

ial problems and architectural disputes increased the cost by more than £10 million, but only a third of the gallery was ready for the official Another £5 million is

nceded to complete it be-fore Avignon takes over as Europe's cultural capital in

Avignon's cautionary tale may mark the begin-ning of the end of a national cultural extravagance which has included the creation of the Picasso and Orsay galleries in Paris and provincial projects in towns from Nice to Calais and from Rennes to



The newly renovated gallery at the Musée Calvet, Avignon, gives an impression of airy optimism. Paintings are being restored in the gallery for the reopening

ject and improvements to the 34 other state muse-ums, like Versailles, which attract 10 million visitors a year, the Avignon experience is giving pause for thought to towns which have to put up at least half the cost of creating muse-ums at a time of increasing

social demands.

Avignon has become the most indebted city in France and has been forced to cut its cultural budget by 10 per cent from a 1993 ak of more than £20 mil-

lion a year. Prestige projects in some will have to be reviewed. Françoise Cachin, direc-tor of the Reunion des Musées Nationaux, said that a general tightening of the French budget threatened investment in municipal museums, which received nearly £40 million in state help over the past two

years.
"There are thousands upon thousands of potential exhibits held in reserve, which have been accumulated over the past 200 years, which could be made available to museums throughout the country if suitable space was cre-

ated," she said.
"But we already have fi-nancial difficulty in acquir-

the open market, which we have the right to buy only by using funds from entry

Meanwhile the Muses Calvet, which has yet to find space for 400 fine arts donations from an antique dealer, could become some-thing of an outdated exhibition piece itself.

Municipal galleries are

turning more and more to social themes rather than picture collections, Ms Cachin said, pointing to a growing concentration on ecology and industrial ex-hibitions such as the farm machinery centre at Chartres, the boat museum at other towns were post-poned before last year's municipal elections and ing essential art objects on strip library.

#### News in brief

## dies in blast

A Russian army colonel, Yuri

Kim, who fought in Che-chenia, was killed in a bomb explosion at his home in Volgograd yesterday. Itar-Tass news agency said.
Police were investigating possible links with Chechenia

and Col Kim's career as a businessman - Reuter.

Pacific crossing The Japanese adventurer Kenichi Horie, aged 56, compowered voyage across the Pacific yesterday, a bit thin-ner than 138 days earlier but still in good health. Mr Horie arrived at a Tokyo pier after travelling 1,600 kilometers 1,000 miles from Ecuador in a boat made from recycled alu-

minum - AP.

President fined The French authorities fined Colombia \$10,000 (26,400) for making an unusually noisy landing with his Boeing 707 presidential jet at Orly air-port in Paris, Colombia's news magazine Semana said.—Reuter.

Belgian drought Belgium went on drought alert yesterday when water reserves ran low. — Reuter.

Prosecutors' plea

German prosecutors said in Berlin yesterday that they wanted the former Iranian president Abolhassan Banisadr, who lives near Paris, to testify about allegations that Tehran was linked to the murder in 1992 of three Kurd-ish opposition leaders in Ber-lin Pouter lin. — Reuter.

Blow to cardinal Cardinal Hans Hermann Groer, aged 78, a former Vienna archbishop, said accusations of sexually abusing minors in his charge had destroyed him emotionally, but did not say whether the claims were true.

Manila accord The Philippines expects to sign a final agreement in two weeks with Muslim rebels to weeks with Muslim rebels to end the 24-year revolt for

Muslim self-rule in the south-

ern Mindanao region, senior officials said. — Reuter. Tonga earthquake A severe earthquake struck the South Pacific near the Tonga islands yesterday. Hong Kong's Royal Observa-

## **Disabled Bosnian fights** new war against apathy

Faruk Sabanovic has won Sarajevo's first of sugar. Ms Skorupan, aged 29, says her husband is very wheelchair ramp, in a city where the

wounded cope alone, writes Jane Perlez

darity. They picked up their dead from the streets, they embraced the wounded, they grieved in cathedrals, churches and mosques.

churches and mosques.

Now, as the city adjusts to peace, most of those who were gravely wounded or paralysed by the war are treated like outcasts, left in institutions or at home without help.

"It's strange," says Faruk Sabanovic, aged 21, who is paraplegic after being hit by spriper's bullet on a street in central Sarajevo last year. central Sarajevo last year, and confined to a wheelchair. T was walking normally like anybody else. A few days after I was wounded, I was meeting the same people and they treated me differently. There's something in people's minds that makes them think because we are in wheel-chairs, we are weird."

His shooting was recorded by a cameraman, who also captured on video a nearby United Nations peacekeeper doing nothing to help as Mr Sabanovic lay limp on the ground. His case caught the attention of the International Rescue Committee, an Ameri-

HROUGH four years of can organisation, which war, Sarajevans prided helped him seek treatment in themselves on their solitold by doctors in New York that he would never walk. Since his return, Mr Sabanovic has campaigned tire-lessly for people disabled by

the war. About a quarter of Sarajevo's population were wounded in the war, says Mark Bartolini, the Rescue Committee's project director in the capital Most have recovered, but the others have received scant help from the government. Financial support is meagre. Wounded war veterans, who receive the most generous benefits, about supposed to be provided with housing. Civilians disabled during the war get much less.

Because he operated a mine sweeper in the army for a year, Mr Sabanovic was awarded a fiat three months ago. But it needs extensive rebuilding, including a ramp so he can get in the front

Seffka Skorupan, whose spinal cord was injured three years ago by shrapnel, says she is entitled to £6.70 a month, a can of meat and 21b York Times.

supportive. She is luckier than most: "One woman has not been down in the city since 1992. She lives up on a hill, doesn't have a car, and her husband ignores her.

"Nobody cares about the problem" says Mr Sabanovi. "Like any other government, they are trying to avoid sup-port." So he persuaded the central post office that a wheelchair ramp was needed. With \$10,000 from the Rescue Committee, the ramp — Sara-jevo's first wheelchair access

—was completed last month. He has applied for funds to install ramps at the university's school of physics, where he was a student, and plans to campaign for similar access as other buildings are rebuilt. His next step will be to open a centre to teach paraplegics and other disabled people how to change to a career that is compatible with life in a wheelchair. He is trying to decide, for example, whether to go back to physics, concentrate on his love of music and film, or study social services. He was taught in the US that life in a wheelchair offers zest and promise, he says. "That's what I'm trying to make here," he adds, spinning around so that the inscription on the back of his T-shirt becomes clear. It reads: "You may

#### Greece hails conquering heroes and claims gods are on its side for new Olympic bid

Helena Smith in Athens

RUNK with Joy at its success in the Atlanta Games, Greece has rolled out the red white marble stadium where the Olympic tradition was revived 100 years ago. Backed by an explosion of national euphoria, the gov-ernment has said that no expense will be spared to wel-come the athletes home. They gained more medals — four gold and four silver — than

Greece has won at any other modern Olympics. The team's unexpected success has led to renewed claims that the centenary

Athena narrowly lost to At-lanta in 1990 because it lacked the degree of technology and organisation the United States could offer. Afterwards, the capital seethed with resentment — until May this year, when celebrations marked the lighting of the Olympic flame at Olympia. But international criticism

of the Atlanta Games has put paid to the goodwill. The Greek media have increas-ingly attacked the Interna-tional Olympic Committee for placing too much weight on the material south which on the material contributions US multinationals would make

in Atlanta.
"It takes a lot of effort to es should have organise the Games as badly as Atlanta did," snorted the former sports minister. Fani Pali-Petralia.

Jamil Ligers Hersey

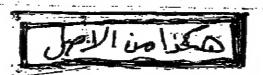
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Ms Pali-Petralia, who oversaw Athen's candidacy six years ago, said she had been astonished by the commercial-

isation of the centennial.

Some officials have gone further and described Greece's sporting success in Atlanta as nothing short of "divine retribution".

Desnite vowing never to bid for the Games again. Athens has offered to host the Olympics in eight years time. By then, the authorities say the sports venues and infrastructure projects, including an extensive underground syste needed to host the Games will



#### Presidential nominee pledges to slash rates by 15pc, but abortion row threatens to derail campaign | News in brief

## Dole pins hopes on tax cut Germany seeks ex-Nazi's arrest

Martin Walker

HE Republican pres dential challenger, Robert Dole, tried to revive his sputtering campaign yesterday by promising a 15 per cent tax cut, which he claimed would spur the economy back to "a fast-growth track of a sustained 3.5 per cent".

The electoral impact was

blunted by the former senator's own earlier mockery of such Reaganesque economics, and renewed argument beand renewed argument de-tween the warring wings of his party on abortion, which threatens to dominate next week's Republican conven-

Republican platform commit-tee, which is drafting the manifesto on which the party will fight the November elec-tion to adort tion, to adopt an emollient 'conscience clause" to reassure pro-abortion voters.

He is now condemned to fight the election on a promise to change the United States constitution so that outlaws abortion as murder, even though more than twothirds of registered voters say they disagree. The issue is tearing the party apart in states such as Georgia and

The stage is set for near civil war at next week's con-vention. Moderate Republican threatens to dominate next week's Republican conven-tion in San Diego.

Mr Dole and his supporters failed yesterday to get the leaders, such as the governors of California, New Jersey and Massachusetts, are deter-mined to fight the religious right wing on the issue.

Mr Dole is now also com- | little left to exploit, except his | mitted to a tax-cut and a fast- accusation yesterday of "congrowth economic policy, a sistent under-performance". growth economic policy, a gamble which he dismissed as 'déja voodoo' when the Reagan administration tripled the national debt to \$3 trillion in the 1980s

He announced his long-awaited economic plan in Chl-economy can grow at an

Growth under President Clinton has averaged less than 3 per cent a year, less than the usual rate during recovery "Bob Dole believes the

The stage is set for near civil war at the Republican convention

cago yesterday, although it annual rate of 3.5 per cent a was already being denounced year." he said yesterday, in a se "irresponsible and fake" by direct quote from the eco senior economists in the Clinton administration. With the US boasting the best economic record in the

year." he said yesterday, in a direct quote from the economic document prepared by his campaign staff. Neither in print nor in speech did it sound like a slogan to capture G7 group of leading industri-alised countries, Mr Dole has can heartland.

we could," Mr Dole said. "To create rising incomes for all Americans, we have to set our raise our sights."

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Under his scheme, all income taxes would be cut by 5 per cent in each of the next three years, and capital gains tax rates would be halved from 28 to 14 per cent. This would cost the treasury \$548 billion over the next six

Almost a third of this -\$147 billion — would be de-frayed by faster growth pro-ducing higher tax revenues. Mr Dole insisted. The rest would be financed by spend-ing cuts, although he prom-ised that social security, Medicare and defence would be sacrosanct.

All this was by way of pre-

"We are not performing as | lude. Mr Dole promised, to a transformed tax system

> ter and fairer This was his nod to the multi-millionaire publisher Malcolm Forbes, who won some early Republican prima-ries by promising to replace income tax with a flat-rate

which would be "simpler, flat-

Mr Forbes, now an adviser to the Dole campaign, had hoped for something far polder than Mr Dole's tax cut. For months the Republican Party has seen the tax-cut pledge as its secret weapon an inducement no rational electorate could refuse. But preliminary opinion polling by the Clinton campaign. which asked voters for their reaction to the options being explored by Mr Dole, found

ITALY said yesterday it had received a German request, through Interpol, to arrest Karl Hass, a former SS major who testified at the war crimes trial of Erich Priebke that he too had taken now in the Angertine caves. taken part in the massacre of 335 Italians in the Ardentine caves near Rome in 194;

Mr Hass, aged 84. is in hospital in Italy after breaking his pelvis in a fall from a hotel balcony while trying to avoid testifying at Mr Priebke's trial.

A justice ministry spokesman said officials were reviewing the warrant and had not yet arrested Mr Hass. But he said his passport was seized during Mr Priebke's trial. "He is under the control of Italian authorities," he added. — Reuter, Rome.

#### Egyptian court orders divorce

AN EGYPTIAN court yesterday rejected an appeal by a happily married university professor against a ruling that he must div orce his wife because he was found to have renounced Islam. The ruling at the Cairo court of cassation supported Muslim fundamentalists who took Nasr Abu Zeid, a professor of Arabic, to court, saying he must leave his wife Ibithal Younis, who is also an academic, because his writing on Islam had made him an unbeliever.

Court sources said they had expected the judge, Mohammed Misbah Sharabiya, to postpone his decision until Mr Abu Zeid's lawyers had included details of legislation passed by parliament earlier this year that supports their case. — Reuter, Cairo.

#### Death call at S Korean trial

IN A TRIAL watched nervously by Asian lenders kept in power by military force, South Korean prosecutors demanded the death sentence yesterday on Chun Doo-hwan, a former president accused of orchestrating the 1980 massacre in the southern city of

Kwangju.

As protesters outside the court in the South Korean capital Seoul chanted "death to the slaughterers", the prosecution asked a panel of judges to order the execution of Mr Chun and life imprisonment for his fellow defendant and successor as president. Roh Tae-woo.

The two men. retired four-star generals, have been on trial since December on charges of bribery and treason. Spectators applauded the death appeal. — Andrew Higgins, Hong Kong.

#### Holocaust memorial protest

WORK on a Holocaust memorial by the British artist Rachel Whiteread began in the Austrian capital Vienna yesterday, de spite protests from the Jewish community that it could bury for ver the newly-unearthed remains of a medieval synagogue. Workers started laying the foundations for the sculpture crested by the former Turner prizewinner and initiated by Simon

Wiesenthal, the Nazi hunter, The city's Jewish community is afraid that the remains of the synagogue, destroyed in 1421, will be lost to make room for a memorial to Austria's 65,000 Jews murdered in the second world war. The synagogue is said to be the oldest one of its kind in

#### Vote to find corrupt officials

IN AN unconventional attempt to stamp out corruption, civil servants in the Indian state of Uttar Pradesh have agreed to single out their three most dishonest colleagues by a secret ballot.

Members of the prestigious Indian Administrative Service (IAS) in the northern state said yesterday that they had agreed at a weekend meeting to hold the vote after the local assembly elec-tions later this year.

"Some of us have played the game we should not have played," said Surendra Mohan, president of the Uttar Pradesh IAS Offi-cers' Association, in the capital Lucknow. "We want to put moral and social pressure on errant officers." — Reuter, Lucknow.

#### 'Help stop vigilante war'

THE National Party premier of the Western Cape appealed to the South African government yesterday to intervene in a war besters in his province. Hernus Kriel asked for police

mission of inquiry. On Sunday a 500-vehicle motorcade of vigilantes drave to the home of a suspected drugs baron, Rashaad Staggie (right), in Cape Town and set him ablaze with petrol. He was then shot to death. Eighteen people were injured in exchanges of gun fire. A Mus-lim vigilante group called "People against Gangs and Drugs" was blamed for the

killing. — David Beresford. Johannesburg. PHOTOGRAPH: BENNY GOOL



#### More violence hits Algeria

A TRUCK bomb exploded in the centre of the Algerian town of Tiaret on Sunday, wounding dozens of people, an Algerian news-paper, al Khabar, said yesterday. The early morning blast in the town 140 miles south-west of Algiers caused extensive damage to uildings and shops. Meanwhile in Algiers, four gummen kidnapped a lawyer who

represented the outlawed Islamic Salvation Front, the party said resterday. It said Rachid Mesli and two members of his family were seized last Wednesday near the capital's eastern outskirts. — Reuter. Paris.

#### Bolger drops wild horse cull

THE New Zealand government, facing a general election in two months' time, yesterday scrapped plans to shoot up to 300 wild horses in North Island. Jim Bolger, the prime minister, said the porses would be rounded up and sold inst

The fate of the animals had become an emotive issue. The conservation department, which was to carry out the cull, said at the weekend that some of its staff had received death threats from nimal rights campaigners. — Reuter, Wellington.

#### US hostage returns in peace

TERRY ANDERSON, the American journalist who was held hostage for nearly seven years in Lebanon, returned yesterday for the first time since his release in 1991 to film a documentary about the country's recovery from civil war.

"The Americans know only about the violent side of Lebanon. I want to tell them about how Lebanon is doing in peacetime," Mr Anderson said. — AP. Beirut.



The alternative is to award the presidency to the first 14-yearold gymnast who demonstrates an ability to pirouette steadily to the right, while balancing on all sides of an issue at once. Barbara Ehrenreich

## Plugging the gap in the canal zone

A nationalist dream could lead to economic crisis. writes **Phil Gunson** in Panama City

I IS Mongolian barbecue night at the officers' club in Quarry Heights, headquarters of the American military's Panama-based South-

ern Command. Only a handful of tables in the recently refurbished restaurant are occupied. Outside, the floodlit tennis courts, surrounded by exuberant but carefully groomed tropical vegetation, are

The United States military presence — a dominant factor n Panama's politics since its US-sponsored secession from Colombia in 1903 — is slowly but inexorably drawing to a

The 1977 Panama canal treaties require the last of the 7.300 troops based here to leave by midnight on Decamber 31 1999. The eight remaining bases — with about 70,000 acres of land and more than acres of and and more than 3,600 buildings — are gradually being transferred to the Panamanian government. Southern Command (Southcom) itself is due to move to Miami in 12 months' time.

But Panama's joy at the gringos' departure is tem-pered by nervousness at the potential economic impact. The Pentagon estimates that it will leave a \$370 mil-

lion (£245 million) gap in the national economy: 13 per cent of gross domestic product. Most independent experts put the figure much lower.
"It's not true that there will

be such a large negative im-pact," says the president, Er-nesto Pérez Balladares. "The fact that the troops' departure coincides with the handover of the canal to Panama means there will be an almost immediate compensation."

Nevertheless, recent polls show that three-quarters of Panamanians would like to see a military presence

Tentatively, wary of a nationalist backlash, the government began to explore the issue with Washington a year ago. But the talks were sus-pended when a Southcom col-onel said publicly that the US onel said publicly that the US would not pay rent for bases.
Time is running out, because there is no money in the defence department budget for a presence beyond 2000.
"The budget cycle of the Pentagon is such that the winder the world good by some "said."

dow will soon be gone," said Ambler Moss, a former US ambassador to Panama. "They must be pretty damn close to the deadline now."

University of Miami, believes the sort of presence that might be negotiated would have little direct impact on the economy, but would reassure foreign investors of the country's stability.

From 1968 until 1989, when a US invasion toppled Manuel Antonio Noriega, Panama was a military dictatorship. The post-invasion government abolished the armed forces. Without the foreign, pre-

dominantly Asian, investors which the government hopes to attract, the handover is a distinctly mixed blessing Mr Moss estimates that it will cost \$25 million just to maintain the buildings when

the troops have gone. Much of the infrastructure that once formed part of the old Canal Zone deteriorated ferred to the Panamanian

The trans-isthmian road is now "one big pothole", ac-cording to an occasional user, and the railway, handed over in 1979, is no longer regarded as safe by the US military. Some of the bases have no obvious alternative use. Although picturesque Fort

The colonial relationship's over. We're defining a new relationship

Howard air force base could become an expensive white

In June, Mr Pérez Balla-dares announced that he was willing to let the base, rentfree, as the headquarters for a multinational anti-narcotics force — a proposal Washington is looking at "very seriously", the US embassy says.

Many Panamanians think the US is desperate to maintain a footbold, but the public maintain a footbold, but the public continuous in the will constitute the serious and the serious serious and the serious seriou

position is that all current tasks — including drug interdiction - can be performed equally well without its help.
Mr Pérez Balladares, once a
close associate of the late

General Omar Torrijos, father of the canal treaties, is also keen to dispel the idea that Panama needs the US.

"The colonial relationship
is over," he said. "We are not

asking them to stay, we are defining a new relationship — one he described as a "stra tegic alliance".

The precise nature of the relationship will not become clear until after the US elections in November. Meanwhile, the Panamanian government and the opposition are trying to devise a strategy to stop a nationalist dream Mr Moss, now director of turning into an economic the North-South Centre at the nightmare.



Officers line up to prevent the press following Megawati's lawyers into police headquarters PHOTOGRAPH: EMMANUEL DUNAND

#### Megawati waits for police to issue correct summons

Nick Cumming-Bruce

NDONESIA'S ousted op-position leader, Megawati Sukarnoputri, bas agre to appear before the police to answer questions about events leading up to the recent riots, but will wait for them to correct flaws in the summons. Her lawyers spent two

hours at Jakarta's police Megawati will appear as a headquarters yesterday to witness." answer the original sum-mons delivered last week, which they said had several technical flaws.

the second summons but

"There is no choice for the police but to comply with the criminal code," Luhut Pangaribuan of the Legal Aid Foundation said after the meeting. "It is unclear when police will issue

Riot police were ready to deal with a demonstration by Megawati supporters,

but none turned up.
The police said they were calling in six other mem-bers of the Indonesian Democratic Party (PDI), police stormed the PDI from which Megawati was ousted as chairman in cupation by her supporters,

she was wanted for ques-tioning as a witness to "intentionally spreading ha-tred of the president" between June 17, the date of the army-sponsored congress which ousted her, and July 28, the day after the police stormed the PDI June, including Suryardi, triggering the worst riots who replaced her as leader. for more than 20 years.

#### **Tamil Tigers fiercely resist** government troops' advance

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SRI LANKAN government soldiers are facing fierce resistance in their slow advance towards the last town held by Tamil Tiger separat-ist guerrillas, the defence ministry said yesterday.

Both sides appear to have suffered heavy casualties. While the government statement said its soldiers had killed at least 203 rebels, and sounded more than 100, the vagers' version spoke of 100 government dead and the de-

struction of five army tanks. The defence ministry statement said 14 troops had been killed and 32 wounded since the army resumed its push towards the northern town of Kilmochchi on Sunday, ending a week-long hill.

The army said it came under fire from mortars and rocket propelled grenades as soldiers broke out of Paranthan, an outpost of Kilinochchi. It said it had driven

diers were alive out of an estimated 1,100. Kilinochchi, just a few miles from the present fight-ing, is the only town under Tiger control, and the condi-

tion of the civilians trapped

in the fighting is uncertain.

come," said a young boy.

A few days earlier a group of 20 stormed Gulu police barracks, taunting the police to come out and fight. Another group abducted 23 schoolgirls from a nearby college.

The LRA — born out of the remnants of Alice Lakwena's

Holy Spirit Movement, which was defeated 60 miles from Kampala in 1986 — is led by Lakwena's cousin, the myste rious Joseph Kony. Mr Kony, a former Catholic Church worker, is said to want to install rule by the Ten Commandments. According to deserters, he believes that

President Yoweri Museveni has been struggling to queli the insurgency in northern Uganda since he came to power in 1986. But while he bush as an army unit on the main road. Ugandan soldiers, who do not move at night, frequently run when attacked. In June, President Musehas succesfully contained other rebel groups — includ-ing the West Nile Bank Front, whose 2,000-strong force invaded Uganda in May — the LRA always bounces back. The wards of the hospital in Gulu are filled with the vic-Nobody knows why the

LRA is so resilient. The government has often said that as long as Sudan supports the rebels there is little chance of so far been out-manoeuvred. The rebels move in small

venì appointed his halfbrother, Major-General Salim Saleh, to oversee operations in the north. Gen Saleh, a hero from the liberation war, recalled 5,000 veterans and destroyed four LRA bases in his first month. In his second, however, the rebels ignored his defences and massacred edly attacked Gulu town.

## Ugandan rebels sow terror at night

The Lord's Resistance Army refuses to be crushed, writes Anna Borzello in Gulu

-VERY evening, hundreds of people stream into Gulu town, their mattresses balanced on their heads. Some sleep with rela-

Since July, when 800 Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) rebels returned to Uganda from Sudan, there have been five attacks on the suburbs of as close as the main hotel mainly abducted boys and looting and burning 180 huts. In dreams, His soldiers are groups at night and know the looting and burning 180 huts. In dreams, His soldiers are groups at night and know the larget is as recruits in Sentember 10,000 recruits

tims of its landmines.

the insurgency ending. The Ugandan army, despite its roots as a guerrilla force, has

108 refugees in camps at Achol, and have since repeat-Gen Saleh remains optimistic. Last week he launched the six-month "Operation Clean". But he has a daunting task. Mr Kony's former bodyguard, who deserted last month, says

"The advance recommenced Suzanne Goldenberg this morning and the latest reports indicate that the in Colombo terrorists are offering resisance," it said.

> rebels from 6ft high bunkers. The latest fighting follows the army's worst defeat, last month, in the 18 years of civil war, when the Tigers captured a sprawling army camp in Mullaitivu. By the time the army retook it, only 12 sol-

tives, others on the floor of the bus park. At dawn, they return to their villages, to be joined by those who have spent the night in the bush. "We have to go because we are scared that the rebels will

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#### On the edges of ethics

One tragic case doesn't mean the law is wrong

has decided she cannot afford twins and As Dr Nathanson acknowledged, the is to have one aborted, it was reported at the weekend. Since it is a confidential matter, there are few other details available. Not that that will stop the passionate lobbies which dominate the abortion debate from pronouncing on the case. To the pro-choice lobby, this woman has an absolute right over her body and its reproductive processes until the legal time limit of 24 weeks. To the pro-life lobby, this case illustrates the barbarity of a culture where potential lives are viewed as little different from commodities to be disposed of at

But how representative of the mass of opinion are these vocal spokespeople with their clear-cut certainties? For many in the middle, strongly committed to legal abortion, the case triggers an emotional response and uncomfortable dilemmas. Freshly sensitive to the debate after the prolonged publicity over the frozen embryos destroyed last week, people who would be opposed to a ling twin is to make of this crucial change in the current law find the idea of destroying one feotus while leaving the other to live inexplicably repugnant.

Often apologetic for what they describe as irrational, they can find no principle to explain or legitimise their unease. They accept the arguments of the leading member of the British Medical Association, Dr Vivienne Nathanson, who told the Guardian yesterday that there was no new ethical issue in this case.

Dr Nathanson is right. There is nothing to make this different from any other abortion of a 16 week-old foetus; aborting a twin is no different from aborting a child's sibling, ethically. So why the unease? This case is believed to be the first time a selective termination will be performed on an embryo which has not been produced by in-vitro fertil- | the existing law.

A WOMAN, sixteen weeks pregnant, | isation where both foetuses are healthy. case is on "the edges" of normal practice. A doctor has to make a cruel, difficult decision as to which foetus dies and which foetus lives. He knows their sexes and may have told the mother does the mother then choose?

It appears that the obstetrician in this case, Professor Phillip Bennett of Queen Charlotte's Hospital, London, was given a choice by the patient: either abort one foetus or both. He justified his very difficult decision: "It would be better to terminate one pregnancy as soon as possible and leave one alive than to lose two babies." Both options are entirely legal. Doctors are faced with appallingly difficult ethical dilemmas and as Professor Bennett made clear in a lengthy interview at the weekend, they cannot look to the law for guidance.

The bare outlines of this case leave a host of haunting, unanswerable questions. Chief of these is what the survivtransition point on its way into the world. His/her life was at the cost of a potential sibling's. There was a crucial period of time in which his/her mother and a doctor may have hovered over the possibility of aborting him/her and leaving the other to live.

The only explanation we have is that the woman is reported as saying she couldn't cope with having two more children. Abortion is always a difficult and painful act for those concerned: as a single mother in "socially straitened circumstances" who already has one child, she clearly believes she cannot call on support, either financial or emotional, in our fragmented, individualistic culture. It is this dimension of the story that should really concern us, rather than letting one tragic case be used as an argument for re-examining



South Korea's indictment of past leaders is only the start

WHEN MURDEROUS and corrupt lead- | tised public opinion and the internaers are brought to book - as is now happening in a Seoul courtroom - the balance of past injustice tips a little the other way. It is 16 years since hundreds died in the Kwangju massacre which former presidents Chun Doo Hwan and Roh Tae-woo are accused of masterminding. Graft on an epic scale, funded by South Korea's giant chaebol conglomerates, has been around for even longer. However late, accounts must be settled before any democratic transition can be completed. Optimistically. the fate of these two once immune powerful figures will (as our Far East correspondent predicted yesterday) cause Asian autocrats from Beijing to Burma to quake with apprehension.

There is a sense in which some kind of regional trend may begin to be discerned. The end of the cold war weakened the conventional case for Westernsponsored dictatorship and also placed into question Japan's one-party democracy. Rising living standards, whether in Taiwan, Korea, or Indonesia, create new middle classes which chafe at oldfashioned repression. The downside of globalisation - a widening gap between rich and poor and expanding areas of exploitation - also leads to unrest. (This is an important, though under-rated, factor now in Indonesia's social ferment). Voices of protest, from within these countries as well as from outside, are transmitted more clearly. Horrendous events such as the Beljing, Rangoon and Dili massacres have sensitional media. The "dinosaurs" who still

rule are more clearly exposed. Yet we should be cautious about declaring an outbreak of economic and political justice across Asia. The news from Indonesia only wins headlines because the Suharto regime has remained unchallenged for so long: his critics are still vulnerable to jail and worse. The Burmese junta may have eased the pressure on itself by releasing Aung San Suu Kyi from house arrest While hundreds of her supporters remain in prison, only a few foreign companies are thinking twice about inward investment. And in South Korea, the drive against the former presidents is not unconnected with the desire of the present incumbent. Kim Young-sam, to improve his own image which has also been tarnished by the receipt of chaebol funds.

Oppression in Asia no longer takes the invariable form of military repression: the market for juntas is diminishing. But the doctrine of neo-authoritarianism, mediated through tame political institutions, has powerful appeal. Western governments have come to terms with China's version of it: next year could see a Clinton-Jiang summit. For millions of Asians, the real issues are not so much formal democracy or its absence. They are those of everyday corruption, unsafe working conditions, mounting drugs and crime, and a huge rich-poor gap. To tackle all these will require a real Asian miracle.

#### When Oftel dials wrong numbers

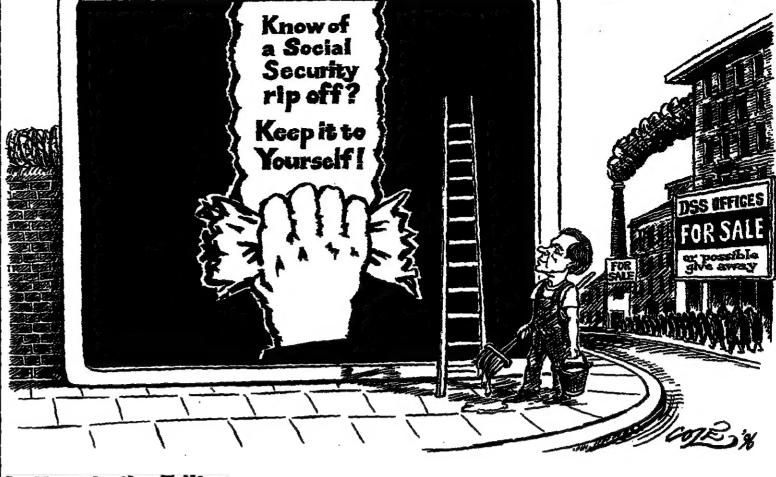
To do so once is a misfortune, but twice is carelessness

DON CRUICKSHANK, director general | Reading, rushed through in April this of Oftel, says he is not "proud" to break his promise of last year that the new dialing codes introduced on Phoneday would not need to change again. Quite right. It almost sounds like an apology. The shift to the 01 prefix was designed to allow a new range of dialing codes in the medium term. To fill immediate gaps, Bristol, Leeds, Leicester, Nottingham and Sheffield were given new codes and extra digits: and that was

supposed to be that. Until yesterday when Offel unveiled plans to break the Cruicksbank pledge. To the dismay of London, Cardiff, Belfast, Southampton and Portsmouth. came the the announcement that new dialing codes are needed immediately to meet "urgent" excess demand that cannot wait. Problems so urgent they weren't thought to be important on. Phoneday fifteen months ago. Nor for that matter were new parallel codes for

year. Who, pray, will regulate the regulator? This is no fun for households, but a real pain in the neck for small businesses. Pity the poor London firm that went from 01 to 071 in 1991, to 0171 last year, and which now faces a change to 0207. New stationery for a typical small firm can cost £200 or more, and new livery for vehicles anything up to £2,000 per vehicle.

Why were all these cities missed during last year's changes? The error is explained away by the "booming" economy over the last fifteen months (you could have fooled us) leading to explosive demand for numbers that Oftel in its wisdom failed to anticipate. Mr Cruickshank admitted 'I have to say our ability to forecast the increase in numbers isn't very good". We'll second that. Bob Hoskins keeps telling us it's good to talk. It's not a bad idea to count as well.



Letters to the Editor

## No training, no medals

lack of Olympic success. Yes, there is a thin line between success and failure in sport, but this flippency masks the underlying lack of funding and commitment in many

other areas of British life. There's no Olympics in science or maths or numbers of patents granted to raise these to such a high profile, but comparisons of standards in Britain with those in France, Germany and Scandinavia indicate that students in these countries are already ahead of British students by over a year at age 13 or 14. And in comparison with Far Eastern countries, the gap widens to two or more years. whens to two or more years.

The lack of commitment, and ergo funding, by this government to anything which constitutes training — in sport, education or apprenticeships — will leave a legacy of Britain sinking along the second commitment. ain sinking steadily down most international league

(Dr) Jane Doorly. 17 Clarence Road, London SW19 8QF.

RICHARD Williams (Guardian Sport, August 5) provides an accurate sum-mation of the Atlanta Olympics — if only as it has been portrayed by the British media. He joins other pundits and commentators who have spent the last two weeks cry ing and stamping their feet over rampant commercialism in the contemporary Olympics. I, meanwhile, and a few billion or so other people around the world, have been treated to a riveting festival of human endeavour in arenas that were completely free of advertising, unlike any other international event in the

OUR leader (Not so hot in Atlants, August 5) as watching on television— ask of Olympic success. Yes, here is a thin line between is less commercial than the inspect of the control of the Olympics; uniquely in modern sport, the spotlight falls only on the competitors, without distraction from anyone or

anything else.
The Atlanta Olympics brought together the best ath-letes from nearly every country. Athletes from the poorest of nations, such as Niger, Burking Faso or Burundi, lined up next to super stars; without the Olympics, they would never get the chance to take part on the world stage. Before the pres-ent era of human history, such a convocation of the world's peoples for peaceful competition was impossible. Yet, rather than relate the privi-lege of witnessing the Olympic Games to the public at home, British reporters can only attack flaws in the system. So what is corrupting the

Olympic spirit? The largesse of the mandarius from the IOC? The corporate dollars that pay for everything? Or is it cynicism in the media? Probably all three, but I think the latter should shoulder more of the blame. D Mark Smith.

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given in sport on government policy. The past few months have been a very depressing time for those of us in govern-ing bodies involved in the edu-cation of coaches. The impression has been given by the Department for Education and Employment that sports-

coaching courses have been identified as an area where funding can be saved.

In basketball we have developed to the control of the control o oped parinerships with col-leges to enable them to offer our coaching qualifications to their students and our mem-bers. Recent changes in regu-lations now threaten these partnerships. Although the Further Education Funding Council may say that it is not engaged in "an attack on sport", the seminars for colleges to explain the new techniques for the seminary for tighter funding regulations have clearly attacked sports coaching For John Major to transform British sport, government departments must take a lesson from our goldmedal rowers and all pull in the same direction. Brian E Coleman.

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#### Our Westminster correspondent's correspondence

AST week David Hencke wrongly promised that Peter Lilley would announce on August 2 a shortlist of suppliers to take over the Department of Social Security's property management respons-ibilities. He confused a closing date for expressions of interest with a decision. The article "Treasury sweetens DSS sale" August 5) continues to

The DSS is responsible for 1.7 million square metres of office space in more than 700 properties. The estate costs the taxpayer around £160 million in annual rental charges alone. We are looking to see whether we can reduce that cost while securing the office

space we need.

Before we launched this project we had discussions with a wide number of property companies to test its feasibility. We also took Treasury advice on the balance between capital receipts and reduced running costs over the life of any agreement - a standard issue in any Private Finance Initiative deal which involves transfer of assets (not "sweetening" a sale). We are now at an early

stage in the procurement pro-cess, run to a publicly an-nounced timetable that will not be finished before autumn 1997; simply the time it will

take to do it property.
Whether the DSS property portfolio does eventually transfer to the private sector depends on one thing alone: whether that transfer increases value for money for the taxpayer. of Ardbrecknish.

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DAVID Hencke (Treasury sweetens DSS sale, August 5) has again put us in his debt. He has discovered that "the Treasury is preparing to offer sweeteners worth hundreds of millions of pounds to encour age property developers to conclude a £4 billion deal to

buy the nation's Social Security offices". Ministers have recently accused me of indifference to the interests of the taxpayer because I was prepared to spend £200 million keeping

several thousand innocent asylum-seekers alive. Now they are willing to spend maybe twice that sum of taxpayers' money in leaving pre-sents for their friends. Next time they accuse me of indifference to taxpayers' interests, can any of your readers think of a printable reply I could make to them?

Lord Russell. Liberal Democrat Social Security Spokesperson. House of Lords, London SWIA OAA.

CONSERVATIVE Central Coffice spend a lot of time creating a false impression of ONSERVATIVE Central division and rancour in the Labour Party, and so the Tory Lie Machine will be especially pleased with David Hencke's efforts to show me and Alas-tair Campbell at odds with Clare Short (Short given key role at conference. August 5) For the record, peither of us knows or would be consulted about Clare's role at conference. To report us as being "dismayed" is pure invention. Peter Mandelson MP. House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA.

#### Out and about while inside Twin perks

Atherevised Prison Rule on time in the open air (Inmates lose right to hour's exercise. July 23) appears to have mis-led Alan Baldwin (Letters, July 27). There used to be a requirement for prisoners not involved in outdoor working to have at least an hour's exercise in the open air each day. The change has provided a more flexible alternative. Governors still have discre-tion to decide how much time prisoners need to spend in the open, aithough at least an our remains the ideal.

LAN Travis's piece about another activities and are able to walk around the prison, often outside the confines of the prison buildings, with ad-ditional time in the open air. Prisoners who are confined to their cells and have no other opportunity to be in the open air need the chance to spend at least an bour in the segre-gation-unit exercise yard each day — this is entirely appro-priate on humanitarian and health grounds.

Director of Security and Programmes, HM Prison Service. Today most prisoners are Cleland House, Page Street, involved in work, training or London SWIP 4LN.

A J Pearson.

REGARDING the new and Complex practice of selec-tive terminations where twins might be an incon-venience ("No new issue" in abortion of twin, August 5), would it not be more practical if both foetuses were carried to term? Being then able to judge such attributes as hair colour, cuidliness, etc. the mother could make a more informed choice as to which child to destroy. This could be achieved quite simply by a

#### Stay tuned for another tense radio drama from Bush House

N THE Schellan village | rect in explaining that for IN THE Sahelian village where I work, the number of radios (amongst a population of 740) could have been counted on the fingers of one hand 22 years ago. Now, as I stroll through the darkened streets when farm work is done, I can hear one in every full cost of these services.

When Producer Choica was second or third household and it is listened to by women and children as well as by

What do they listen to? The BBC Hausa language service. a window on a new and changing world, is an indefin-able benefit for rural commu-nities struggling to adapt to social and political change, an adult-educational system where few can read or write and primary-school attendance is less than 10 per cent, an independent news serivce where local radio stations are controlled by a repressive

military regime.

The World Service is the most cost-effective form of devalopment aid provided by Britain in the Third World. It does not foster "development dependency", but leaves its listeners self-reliant though better informed. It cancels remoteness, extending membership of the global village to villagers (not to mention the underprivileged of the cities). It has outgrown its parent and taken on a life of its own. Is it too much to ask the BBC Board of Governors to recognise a global constituency

among the unrepresented? Michael Mortimore. African Drylands Research. Cutters' Cottage, Glovers' Close,

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overheads. He is indeed cor-

ERNEST Newhouse's letter (July 30) prompts me to outline the rationale behind the BBC's drive to reduce its

When Producer Choice was introduced in April 1983 one of the key aims was a major attack on BBC overheads, right across the organisation. This produced remarkable results, including an immediate reduction in overheads of

around a quarter when Producer Choice went live.

Of equal importance, though, is the ongoing pressure which is now continuously applied to overheads. All overhead and service departments must agree with their users a service level and associated price for the ser-vices provided.

This change has made imuch more visible the tru cost to programme makers of the many support functions provided in their name, and has given a clear incentive to them to find better and cheaper ways of getting things done. So, far from being about administrative tidiness, this change is about keeping costs down.

Mr Newhouse rightly wants to ensure World Service funds do not end up supporting domestic radio and television. Equally he will understand that we have to ensure that the licence-fee-payer gets best value for money from the licence fee, and does not un-fairly subsidise other ser-

John Smith. Deputy Finance Director, British Broadcasting Corporation. 16 Langham Street.

myself depressingly forced

into sizes ranging from 14 to

#### Boom that hits the bust

THE IMVs forecast of eco-nomic growth may have hidden benefits (IMV backs Budget free of tax cuts, July 27). One of the least reported but most widely felt effects of the recent years of economic squeeze has been the literal interpretation clothing manufacturers have put on the ne-facturers have put on the ne-cessity to tighten our belts. In time-honoured tradition, they have passed on the con-straints of becoming leaner and fitter to the consumer, by the simplest expedient of making drastic reductions in elastic. Waistbands, whether in underwear, hosiery or outer garments, have become instruments of torture, giving the term "downsizing" a whole new meaning.
Normally size 10-12, I find

OS in order to keep the circulation flowing freely. For fiscal squeeze, read visceral squeeze. How people who started off size 16 ever find anything to fit is a mystery. I suspect the great elastic conspiracy is restricted to women's clothing, otherwise Mr Clarke would be unable to maintain his irrepressible joc-ularity, and Mr Major would certainly find it impossible to wear his underpants on the outside. We know it's hurting. but we can only hold our breath and pray that threats of tighter controls will give way to an expanding economy. Sierra Hutton-Wilson. Priory Cottage, Church View. Somerset BA4 6HY.

#### **A Country Diary**

pearance in late summer of swarms of black garden ants swarms of black garden ants usually occurs on a hot, sultry day — typical thundery weather — which has given the ant a reputation in local folklore of being able to anticipate storms. From their nest sites under paving stones, patios and stone walls the members of each colony pour out bers of each colony pour out into the open on the chosen day in one synchronised emergence. It is the winged males and virgin queens that swarm up into the sky, mating in mid-air, after which the males die and the fartilised. males die and the fertilised queens break or bite off their wings and start looking for a new nest site. Whilst all this is happening above, the wingchild to destroy. This could be achieved quite simply by a single, and much cheaper, lethal injection.

John Carley.

John Carley.

A week earlier than in 1995, and the numbers involved, although still impossible to esti-

CHESHIRE: The annual ap | mate, were far less than last year. It was a warm, slightly humid day but on this occasion the insects forecasting skills were proved wrong we had no thunder. Another annual event took place three weeks later this year than in 1995 - my count of the sea-son's orchids on a local road-side embankment. Most of the Side embankment. Most of the Common Spotted-Orchids had flowered, seeded and with ered, but it was obvious that they had not been as prolific this year with numbers estimated at around 400, a dramatic reduction in last year's total of more than 2000 for total of more than 2,000. For the fourth year in succession. since it was first found on the site in 1992, there was only one plant of the Pyrami Orchid, but the 12 Bee Or chids was the best showing for the species since 1991. The Fragrant Orchids were at their peak, 169 of them, each tall spike packed with bright pink, sweetly scented flowers JM THOMPSON

FURTHER breakthrough is reported in the continuing battle of police to shake off a reputation for dim-witted-ness. The Merseyside force has just spent £19,000 on a BMW motorbike laden with all the latest video equipment, Police magazine reports. Since it is meant for undercover patrol work on motorways, the police have been extremely careful to ensure the absence of any identifying markings. And to celebrate its acquisition, they inserted a picture of the bike, with registration number clearly displayed, in the local press

FTER his outburst about the aroma of the capital's West End, Trevor Nunn is giving his nostrils a well-earned rest in the north London suburbs. Tonight and tomorrow night, he will be off to the alpine freshness of Enfleld, where Chicken Shed - the much-admired theatre company that integrates young able-bodied and disabled performers – performs its musical version of A Midsummer pressed with this was Mr Nunn earlier this year, that he requested a reprise. Andrew O'Hagan described in this paper as "one of the best nights in London this year" can call the box office

HICKEN Shed is one of the 100 or so chari-ties caringly dumped by Princess Diana, but we have hopes that she will begin to correct things soon by taking on Bolmondely Relief. Given that several events are even now being planned to help Peter Bottomley and his wife, you can imagine my horror on reading an extract of a let-ter to firms from Tory MP Simon Coombs in the Mirror. For £500 you would be able to discuss issues of con-cern to you informally over breakfast with Virginia Bolmondely," writes Mr Coombs. Informally over breakfast . . . what kind of euphemism is that? Hang on, Ginny, hang on. Help is at hand, I promise you. Just a little while longer.

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T is his favourite local department store, Alder of Croydon, that concerns Terry Major-Ball when we ring. "They have beautiful ornaments, especially the little animals," he explains. "You can buy two otters, for instance, and one will be reclining, while the other will be sitting on a tree. And there's a little pool between them with pebbles . . . and the pool will be smooth plastic that looks very much like water. Lovely, it looks." And upon this aesthetic note, we say our farewells.

HR plans of Refton in New Zealand to celebrate being the first southern-hemisphere town to have public electricity floundered at the weekend when, minutes before the "First Light Festival", an electrical storm caused a six-boar total electricity



## He who hesitates shows wisdom

#### Commentary

#### Hugo Young

HAVE in my possession some Cabinet papers on the issue of the moment. They express very clearly Britain's dilemma over the European single currency.
The agonising is posed with
more authority than a journalist could bring and more honesty than a politician would dare attempt. For these are official papers. By the exactness of their rendition they do honour to the Whitehall mandarins who wrote them. So I hope they will be excused the inevitable futility of a leak incurrent. inquiry.
"There is general agree-

ment that it would not be in the UK's interests to commit ourselves to joining a European economic and monetary union," one of them begins. The EMU, these officials hopefully opine, may not happen: "There appears to be a considerable likelihood that the whole project will collapse."
The key to its future will be the attitude of the Germans and the French. Whether France, in particular, thinks

further union goes ahead. On the whole, say the officials, it is unlikely. The potential members probably do not have "the tenacity required to achieve the task upon which they have embarked". That can't, however, he ab-

solutely relied on, and if the project does, after all, succeed, it would be "contrary to our interests". It would "lead on by stages to further economic integration and ultimately perhaps to political federation
— developments which public
opinion in this country is not
at present prepared to contemplate". Yet that only exposes the scale of Britain's dilemma. Staying out now would put us in a "disadvantageous negotiating position" if we later needed to get in. It could be "very embarrassing", says another paper. The other countries will be part of something shaped "without taking shaped" taking account of our

So, the officials conclude, "we are really confronted with a choice of evils". "If it comes into being with us out-side it, we should pay an in-creasing price commercially." But even that "would not nec-essarily outwelgh the political objections to joining". If at all possible therefore FMII possible, therefore, EMU
"should be frustrated". Everything within the canons of
diplomatic prudence should

she can withstand "the full be used against it. This might blast of German competition" be seen as an attempt at "sabwill determine whether this otage — as indeed it would be seen as an attempt at "sab-otage — as indeed it would be". But "we must clearly try to prevent it happening if we

> How far round the Cabinet such papers have circulated in 1996 I do not know. The notion that Britain has the power of sabotage is what may alert the reader to the trick I have played with time. For although each of these quotations is taken from official papers, they date from the autumn of 1955 when British policy-makers were trying to decide whether or not to take part in the "Messina" process. My only cheat is to substitute "EMU" for "Common Mar-ket", the better to illustrate how extraordinarily little seems to have changed in 40 years. The arguments are ex-actly the same, their conclu-

sions exactly as aware of the painful discovery that Britain paintil inscovery that Britain might to longer be in charge of her own destiny. It is the theme most recently worked out with wit and exceptional historic sweep by Sir Roy Demman, in his book, Missed Chances (Cassell 225).

Delication of the bright of face

Poised on the brink of fac-ing it again, as EMU comes to dominate British politics from autumn onwards, the ensmies of "Europe" will point to the differences between now and 1955. A hand-ful of ultras will say Britain was right all along, and that Messina's outcome, the Euro-

pean Community, was a big error anyway. The middle grounders might deny the parallel on the grounds that EMU is not a necessary adjunct to the single market. Others again could argue that a fatal hesitation in 1955 would now be the acme of pru-dence in a world that has The fundamental choice,

however, remains. The conti-nuities of the History According to Denman are almost certain to present themselves. The opportunities for Britain to frustrate the choice by sabotage or any other expedient are negligible, so even though the economic context is different, the existential question is not. There is likely, at some stage, to be an EMU, and the dithering of the British political class will again be pro-vided with an opportunity to display itself in all its

embarrassment.
What has certainly hap-pened, meanwhile, is an op-

#### Britain might no longer be in charge of her own destiny

portunity to review the quality of its collective judgment 40 years ago. Most of the prophetic axioms on which it based its withdrawal from Messina have been blown to smithereens. Britain's world role, her throbbing Common-wealth, her powerful economic prospects, her sacred reserve currency, all of which were thought to be unacce bly threatened by any dab-bling with the Common Market, proved to be chimeras. Above all, the disbelief that permeated Whitehall concern-ing the ability of the Europe-ans to stick together for five minutes, let alone 40 years, turned out to be the greatest misjudgment of the half-cen-

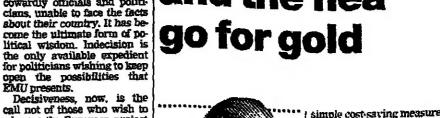
this story, however, is not what it appears to be. In one respect, time has moved on direly. Hesitation is no longer to be seen as the posture of cowardly officials and politicians, unable to face the facts the only available expedient for politicians wishing to keep

open the possibilities that EMU presents.

Decisiveness, now, is the call not of those who wish to advance the European project but those who wish to abort it. They probably can't stop EMU happening, but they desire to stop Britain from ever joining it. This is the only meaning though usually the concealed purpose, of the proposal they hope John Major will be seduced into adopting. By ing out entry in 1989, or 2000, or 2001, or the whole of the

next Parliament, that is what he would be doing, and he knows it. Rejecting EMU now. under whatever temporising guise, is seen by those who shout for it as but the first step towards disengagement from the European project. It is as if the Messina officials had sald: even if the Common Market works we will never Market works, we will never

The Messina posture, despite its dismal origins, has thus become the only way to protect the national interest against the cheapest shots of party politics. That's the measure of our lowered expecta-tions. The great battle in the Tory party, which will come to be felt in Labour's attitude too, is to preserve what the Messina hesitations, for all the despair that hindsight justly visits on them, did keep open: the chance to see how things work out. It's a small thing but decisive — and it reaches further than the future of Kenneth Clarke.





Barbara Ehrenreich

O ONE is sure how the decision was made to stage the presidential race as an Olympic event actually, as it turned out, a rather special Olympic event, given the candidates' shared given the candidates' shared physical handicap. For by July 1896, Bill Clinton — having adopted his opponent's welfare policy, economic policies and no-nonsense approach to the criminal underclass — had cleverly developed a withered right arm of his own, which he is careful to use only in private, for salting the occasional matter who enters the games, Americans need only see Americans. French fry. The press was all for it of course, since they are aiready so skulful at the famed "horse-race" style of campaign coverage. Can Dole leap the huge gender gap? How long will Bill be able to stagger under the burden of a criminal wife? And after all, every other

form of public event now features a patriotic tie-in to the games. Excitable anchor-per-sons have even taken to giving air crashes numerical scores, based on of the number of fatalities and the height from which they plunged to their watery deaths — with TWA still well in the lead.

ABC News may have helped inspire the decision with its vastly informative pre-Olympic-week special on the vari-ous non-human species that could easily walk away with the gold, if only they were allowed to participate; a flex was shown handily leaping the flea equivalent of the Washington monument. A expensive weapons system, cockroach — displayed terriand, ideally, a plausible fyingly at human height — enemy to use it on. outran the swiftest biped and was hastily enlisted to en-dorse a well-known hamburger chain, where it had previously enjoyed dining anyway. If these fellows could compete, then why not the presidential candidates?

Clearly too, the Olympic setting, with its stirring pag-eantry and high productionvalue commercials, would lend much-needed dignity to the presidential race. In focus groups, the crucial 18- to 34vear-old female market was found to associate the Olympics with "purity", while asso-ciating the political process with the exotic forms of organic matter which can arise on neglected refrigerator reports, Bill Clinton has spent months" studying Ronald Reagan's winning 1984 Olympic performance, and has ex-pressed a desire to be referred

simple cost-saving measure by the chief executive officers who sponsor both the candidates and the Olympics. Insidenormous stature in fried chicken sat down with a softdrink kingpin and reasoned: why pay to fly the candidates all over the country for photo ops with overweight voters when we have the crowds, the press corps, and the photoge massed in Atlanta?

The only possible glitch was that the Olympics are tradi-tionally an international event, featuring thousands of contenders from little-known nations. If Bob and Bill squared off, other nations might want to enter their own compete. Whenever it's someone else's turn, the camera wanders off to focus on our athletes' fascinating personal dramas, as if to suggest that the only opponents an American ever has to worry about are asthma, tendonitis and low self-esteem.

sort of events to sched-ule for the all-important Bill-Bob competition. There must be a modicum of dignity. the White House insists. meaning no pie-eating contests unless each candidate is given a choice of flavours. Tax-cutting has been pro-posed, since the candidates are already warming up for it. Bob promises a "flatter" tax. Bill is said to favour one that contains flattering curves. Or there might be an "arms race", with the prize going to the candidate who can come up with the most arcane and

about the possibility of a long-distance child-abuse event. Bill has already announced his plan to put the little ones

or "predators", as they are now known in law-enforcement circles — in uniforms resembling the loose-fitting striped ensembles favoured by chain-gang participants. Bob promises to go further, send-ing any child found out of uniform to a prison filled with 40-year-old child molesters, unless said child has already been confined by its parents to a playpen. Bill is expected to counter by signing a welfare mated million children into poverty, and is questioning

the playpen exemption.

The alternative, of course, is to award the presidency to the first 14-year-old, 70-lb gymnast who demonstrates an ability pressed a desire to be referred to pirouette steadily to the to as the "hipper gipper". I right, while balancing on all Most likely, though, it was a sides of an issue at once.



## et the bids roll in

**Grev Gowrie** celebrates his part in handing out millions of lottery pounds - and argues that it has been money well spent on investment in the arts

England has awarded money from the National
Lottery to a facility for the
arts, I get letters of complaint.
Why have we ignored the
claims of cancer, perhaps, or
children with rare diseases? I reply to each one, pointing out that the caring charities also receive a fifth of the lottery proceeds for good causes and that we would break the law if we gave money outside the arts, as Parliament decreed.

The argument then switches to Parliament's original intention. The tabloids, most vehe ment opponents of our work, have recently made life much easier. When the Sun, for example, writes a Sun-rage leader about the award for the leader about the award for the sculptor Andy Goldsworthy's sheep-pen restorations in Cumbria — and how I wish our friends wrote English as well as our enemies — the paper is not cross that Goldsworthy has been preferred worthy has been preferred over Richard Long, say. The Sun has come out of the closet now and declared that lottery cash should be added to general taxation, at least in respect of the health service.

We must sit up and take notice, however, when respected MPs like Hugh Bay.

OMETIMES, when the Arts Council of towards London. And I do also receive letters after we have made some award, not neces-sarily in London, asking, Why haven't you done some thing for us?"
It is unavoidable that a rela-

tively small country like Eng-land will, over the centuries, land will, over the centuries, have located her major consti-tutional, political, legal and cultural institutions in the nation's capital. Parliament is in Westminster, and is itself recipient as well as donor of huge sums of infrastructual investment in recent users an investment in recent years: an underground car park; new offices for MPs; a complete restoration of the rotten roof of the House of Lords.

if Parliament wills that part of the proceeds of the lottery is to be devoted to capital invest-ment in cultural facilities, it is ment in cultural facilities, it is unsurprising that some of our big national flagships — the opera and dance houses, the major theatres, concert halls and contemporary art galeries — will be eligible to bid to the first the contemporary and some first t us for it. They have been starved of investment all my adult life and I am in my 50s. No wonder they were heating on our doors, virtually from day one. Even in the driest economic terms, making no reference at all to artistic or

for our heritage and our cul-tural liveliness. It is inaccu-rate, as well as insulting, to think of "luvvies" as periph-eral or unimportant. After oil, pharmaceuticals and financial services, tourism and the leisure industries and the arts are the engines of our economy. They are the way we earn our living as a small offshore island in a competitive world. London is central to this. London is central to this. don, not England, is the com-petitor here to New York, Paris and, before long, Berlin.

Then again Bayley, Janner and others, including some Conservative MPs, should in fairness look at the demo-graphics. Over a million people travel in and out of London every day to work. A substantial portion travels in and out to play. London is a cultural resource for the whole nation and for the world it is a daily resource for most of the population of

southern England. Ironically, we are worry-ingly short of viable bids from London the region, as distinct from London the capital. We want more community and localised bids from London the region — recently a depressed region after all, which suf-fered far more in the recession than is realised outside.

Our case would be weak, however, if large awards to London were a strategic imperative, a policy, rather than the result of facing reality. respected MPs like Hugh Bayrespected MPs like Hugh Bayley and Greville Janner camley and Greville Janner campaign against what they bemaintain and refashion a civiside London. Here our de-

theatre and art-gallery com-plex for Milton Keynes (£19.6 million); the restoration of two large venues in the new Hanley Cultural Quarter, Stoke on Trent (2148 million) and the Cambridge Arts Theatre (£6.6 million).

We anticipate similar bids from Manchester, Newcastle, Bristol and Walsall, All these have a strategic role of serv ing a large (though not as large as London) travel-to-work and travel-to-play popu-lation. Our responsibilities, of course, are for England alone. Clever Salford Council called an opera house and perform-ing arts centre, which will regard at the whole marvellous but derelict townscape at the head of the Manchester Ship Canal, after the much-loved local painter. Puzzled London broadsheet art critics thought the council, in devoting so much money to this particular artist, had taken leave of its senses. Nice one, Salford.

LTHOUGH we expect at least two more large bids in from London English National Opera and the South Bank complex, the imbalance is tilting rapidly. It is fair, too, to mention the City of Birming-ham Symphony Hall and the Manchester hall for the Halle, over £230 million between them, which were publicly funded just before the lottery. Large awards of between £1

lisation, such investment is volved system and the sensible. Millions of people Regional Arts Boards come country: for example, £5.9 wisit London from all over the into play. Examples are the world. They do not come for the Lowry Centre at Salford, at the sun and the beaches. They come on business and come lion from us); and a new Theatre in Manchester; £3.7 million for the Contact Theatre in Manchester, £3.7 for the Ikon Gallery in Birmingham; and £2.5 million for the Hall for Cornwall in Truro. As the Prime Minister who engineered the lottery and saw it pass through Par-liament with all-party sup-port, put it to me when I was appointed. "I want Britain to have the best cultural and sporting facilities is Europe within 10 years." It is an achievable aim.

To the question "why haven't you done anything for us?" I answer: "You have to bid for the money. We do not sit and plot what is good for you. You decide." And 75 per cent of our awards by number are for less than £100,000 and reaching every community in the land. Things may change with the Secretary of State's welcome new directives to people as well as buildings: and we are worried by the Treasury's continual top-slicing of the small grant for maintaining core cultural support. But so far, we can look people in the eyes and say that not one award, nor even the grant to the Royal Opera House, has been made at the expense of any other. We have sufficient money. As the all-party Select Commit-tee of the House of Commons. chaired by Labour's Gerald Kaufman, concluded: "Just for once, let us praise some-thing which has been done

well and gone right." Lord Gowrle is Chairman of the million and £10 million have | Arts Council of England

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He was also an influential in Tanzanian mainland poli-tics from 1964-71 and, later from London, in the debate about multi-party politics in Africa. These periods of political activity were interin mainland Tanzania on a minded the assassination of Sheik Karume, the first presi-

Babu was born into a Swahili family in Zanzibar's old Stone Town — as such he had firm roots in both Arab and time, his father was Portu-The early 1950s saw Babu

studying journalism in Lon-don. By then he had already come to identify with the anticolonial movement. When he e had built significant links with the communist powers which he saw as the most effective allies in the fight against colonialism. In August 1964, he told me: "They (the communists) are not confused about South Africa, they don't give the Portuguese arms, they know what they think about south-

In the shifting sands of Zanzibar politics up to indepen-

BDULRAHMAN | which he sought to turn into a months and band which he sought to turn into a party closely allied to the international leftist movements. However, this proved to be a position which could not be position which could not be sustained against the party's more conservative elements.

In 1963, Babu therefore walked out of the ZNP and established his own "Umma Party" which became the focus of support for those who thought that independence meant more than a positional.

meant more than a nationalist government and that it should embrace both a domestic and an international eco-nomic re-alignment. However, in the 1963 eve of independence poll, it was the ZNP alliance, with a breakaway faction of the Afro Shir azi Party (ASP) which formed Zanzibar's newly independent government. It was not to last. Within a month a revolutionary force, which had some links to the Umms Party, but was led by a Kenyan migrant labourer, John Okello, seized power. In the aftermath Okello himself was removed, Karume of the ASP came to power and

formed a government in which Babu was Minister of External Affairs and Trade. It was a stormy time in which the small island state received extraordinary attention in the politics of the cold Zanzibar lay in the question of whether to join a potential East African federation then being pushed by the UK, and for which Julius Nyerere was doubtful, believing that it would be controlled by forces

hostile to his internationalist leftist stance. The outcome, in

US consul in the island and later President Reagan's Secretary of Defence), was a union between Zanzibar and Tanganyika: to be known as the United Republic of Tanzania (URT). Babu bitterly opposed the

mion, which he saw as com-promising Zanzibar's sover-eignty and its scope to play a role in the internationalist. part of the deal with the main-land government, he was given a place in the Tanza-nian cabinet. In his ministerial capacity — eventually in the Economic Affairs and Development Planning portfolio he provided the most im-portant intellectual challenge

to President Nyerere. Babu, a refreshingly flexible Marxist, adopted the posi-tion that the forces of capital to accumulate before they could be handed over to the people. In real terms, this meant he opposed the nationalisation of all wholesale trade (then largely in the hands of the Indian community) in 1971. It was to be the end of any effective working relationship with Nyerere.

sition became more serious in April 1972 when Karume was assassinated while playing chess and drinking coffee outside the party headquarters in Zanzibar. Babu, who that day had been fishing off Zanzibar's coast, was accused by of master-minding the assas-sination. Babu was arrested



Beyond Africa . . . Babu with Malcolm X (left), no cause was ever too belpless to espouse

on the same day of the assas-sination and held in detention

Meanwhile, a "People's Court" sat in Zanzibar and tried 58 defendants of whom 43 (including Babu, in his absence) were sentenced to

death by firing squad.
The years in prison impaired his health, and particularly his eyesight. His wife Ashura, formerly a community worker in Zanzi-bar, continued to do whatever she could on his behalf and look after their five children (one of whom pre-deceases

Once out of prison he was based primarily in London. From there he published a book — which he had written or Socialist Africa (1981) and formed the International In-Democracy in Africa.

But he was not reconciled

guru. In the 1995 presidential election in Tanzania, he was presidential running mate of the leading opposition candidate - Augustine Mrema. Arriving in a rain storm he had become a distant but | struggles most people wrote important figurehead. However, the Tanzanian government was never happy:

with his reappearance and in a quickly enacted court case he was disqualified from standing on the grounds that he had spent more than five vears outside Tanzania It was a hard judgment for one consumed with a concern for the politics of eastern Africa.

His death in hospital in Hackney might seem a sad end to the life of a political exile. However his colourful views, personal links with many leaders of the anti-colo-nial struggle, and enormous charm earned him a warm place in the hearts of many.

had a great gift for friendship, and his friends ranged across all shades of left-wing politics in Africa. No exile was too obscure, no cause seemed too hopeless to be espoused by Babu, and his politics were his sustenance various homes in north until the end. welcomed them all. The current leaders of Eritrea

off as unwinnable, romantic follies — remained friends to Babu after their exile ended with top jobs at home, and no one was happier than he at their reversal of fortune. His ideas and sometimes his criticisms were as valued by

fighting in the bush.

They were, to him, the successors to the liberators of his own generation. Babu's treasured memories of some of the pre-independence leaders of Africa, such as Patrice Lumumba, Kwame Nkrumah, Jomo Kenyatta and Tom Mboya, were as vivid as the days and nights when they first met, often

them as much when in state house as they had been when

clandestinely, to plan the liberation of the continent Even with his health failing in recent years, his

Appreciation: Mohammed Aideed

#### Lord of chaos and destruction

By ALL accounts.
Mohammed Farah Aideed (oblinary, August man who would rather demoi-ish what he could not have. Now that he is dead, one is left only with the impressions of those who met his charm and those to whom he displayed his rage when he wasn't hav-ing his way. A journalist I know described him, when angry, as a dog with rables. Mogadishu tells the tale of his (and Mahdi's) madnesses much better, a city still bear-

We were not destined to meet, because I arrived in Mogadishu in the very fort-night when defeat had taken had just been rendered home-less following brutal fighting between his forces and those of Caato's. Nor did he consen to "receive" a German parlia-mentary delegation putting up in the same guesthouse as I. One is or isn't "received" by the men who had the nation's blood on their hands; and one is made to show one's gratitude

always fluffing. He could have had the presidency for a song. Only he didn't play his cards

right.
Every warlord was an ally
Aideed of his at one time. Aideed could beast a list longer than number of friends whom he alienated. I keep running into former allies of his, and these speak with the bitterness of a wife betrayed. Often he is self, two tyrants unable to invent a world in which they

If Aideed prolonged his survival into posterity, it was courtesy of Admiral Howe, the UNOSOM chief, who put him on a "wanted" list. Not only him a new lease of political life. He exploited the Ameri ruined reputation by present-ing himself as a nationalist.

which he was not. He thought small whe should have thought big. Paranoid to a fault, he could not trust American intentions and potiate when, as unconfirmed hand over the authority to him in preference to Ali Mahdi. He hadn't the gump-tion to take political gambles:

failings. He invested in the canard outside the territories he invaded to subject to his tyran-nical will. Whilst he fed his primal hunger for false power, he was for ever baunted by his prickly sense of self-esteem, thus failing to work his way around the country's booby trap politics. As part of his deflective strategy, he appointed himself president. In his republic, there were no citizens with the freewill to do what they please, only vas-sals to his commands. But he fulfilled a vow to himself. he died a "president". Never mind that no one recognised compared to Siyad Barre, on him. Now his 35-year-old son

presidency.

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Jean Muir

## Rebel without the roles

If you were men, as men you screen, and resisted posing for publicity photographs.
You would not use a gentle "I'm not pretty. I have no sex Helena, in A Midsummer Night's

N 1935, Jean Muir, who has died aged 85, appeared as an enchanting Helena in Max Reinhardt's A Midsummer Night's Dream, a curious cultural concoction featuring a host of Warner Bros contract players. With Dick Powell (Lysander), Ross Alexander (Demetrius) and Olivia de Havilland (Hermia). Jean Muir was one of the most promising young stars at the studio. The tall (5'9"). attractive, dimpled blonde. with a delightfully warm personality, seemed assured of a bright future in Hollywood. But successive roles in mediocre B films had, by 1950, irrev-ocably destroyed her career. Jean Muir paid a heavy price in reactionary Hollywood for being an intelligent, independent and inquiring woman. Immediately after she was put under contract to Warner Bros in 1933, she was

picture performers. Muir was also nicknamed "the studio pest" because of her tendency to question every phase of the movie-making business. "That Muir girl drives me crazy," commented one director, "I could cheerfully drown her, but I want her in my next picture." Like Katharine Hepburn and Luise Rainer.

appeal and I wear clothes like a comfield scarecrow," she remarked inaccurately.

Muir had arrived in Hollywood after being spotted on Broadway in Saint Wench the putative tycoon.

active in the newly-formed Screen Actors' Guild (SAG), a union set up to protect motion among the few rebels within the studio system of the 1930s. Muir wore no makeup off-

(1933). She had made her debut playing an ingénue in Ivor Novello's The Truth Game (1930) starring the author. Her screen debut came in The World Changes (1933), a Paul Muni saga, and was promptly given the lead-ing feminine role opposite the vastly popular comedian Joe E Brown in Son of a Sailor in the same year. As The Earth Turns (1934) saw her as a farmer's daughter who falls in love with a Polish boy (Donald Woods), and helps him make a success as a farmer. From rural inno-cence, Muir changed to urban naivety in *A Modern Hero* (1934), the only American film directed by the German G W Pabst. In this tale of the rise and fall of a ruthlessly ambitious young man (Rich-ard Barthemess), Muir played the boss's daughter wooed by

She made 14 pictures in her first three years at Warner Bros, including A Midsummer Night's Dream, but most were inconsequential and did not satisfy her. In fact, two of her more substantial roles were for 20th Century-Fox in White Fang (1936), based on Jack London, and for RKO in The Outcasts of Poker Flat (1937) in which she played a schoolteacher who tries to reform gambler Preston Foster. After a few years on Broad-



Jean Muir . . . har career dived after she was "exposed" as a communist sympathise:

vay (*Pride and Prejudice*) and radio, Muir returned to Hollywood for three further films. Her last part was in The Constant Nymph (1943) as Kate Sanger, Joan Fontaine's cello-playing oldest sister, the cello coming in handy for hiding her advanced preg-nancy. Despite having once

Jaffe, and bring up her three

In 1950, Muir was offered the role of the lovable mother in the sitcom The Aldrich
Family, transferred from
radio to TV. However, as rehearsals were about to start, her name appeared in the anonymously-published Red Channels newsletter, which "exposed" her as a nancy. Despite having once declared that she would never communist sympathiser. The marry — "T'm too selfish to be loved by any man and I'm too interested in my career to let my emotions become a stumbling block" — she gave up acting for a number of years to become Mrs Henry leffa and bring up her three.

The producers fired her from the show though they did not necessarily believe "the cornect facts", but Muir had become "controversial" and therefore "a sponsor risk".

tarily went before the House UnAmerican Activities Com-mittee in 1953 in order to clear herself, but to no avail. Her rejection caused her emo divorce and alcoholism. In the late 1950s, Muir was given six months to live. "Suddenly I became aware of every blade of grass and every little thing in life," she recalled. "Trealised how important every person was to me." Gradually, she returned to acting appearing on TV in Naked City and Route 66, and on Broadway in Semi-Detached opposite Ed Begley in 1960. In the same year, she received a July 23, 1996 Blacklisted by the enter-tainment industry, she volun-

RONALD GRANT ARCHIVE star on the Walk of Fame on Hollywood Boulevard, a symbol of her redemption in the eyes of the movie colony. Yet, in 1968, Jean Mulr who had called her film career "nightmarish", decided to take up the post of drama teacher at Stephens College in Columbia, Missouri. There she instilled in her pupils the very qualities of indepen-dence for which she had been castigated. Ronald Bergan

Jean Muir (Fullarton), actress, born February 13, 1911; died

Dr Robert Davis writes: James Tye (obituary, July 27) was indeed a skilled publicist and opportunist. However, his approach to safety on the road was by no means as benign as your obituarist suggests. Very much a "gardez-vous" approach. it could be victim-blaming for

claimed), evidence of the negative effects of this legislation on driver behaviour was ignored, to the detriment of those suffering the majority of fatalities outside cars. Much of the "Tm all right Jack" attitude to driving. which bedevils the most vulnetable - and most benign - types of travel such as walking and cycling, can be attributed to a "road safety" approach of which James Tye was such a highly visible

example. Meanwhile the problem of reducing danger at source

Viren Sahai writes: I write to correct the erroneous version of events given in your obituary of Dame Jane Drew (July 31). It was not Le Corbu-sier who invited Jane Drew and Maxwell Fry to collaborate on the design of Chandi-garh; on the contrary, it was the initiative of Jane Drew, supported by Fry, which was instrumental in getting Le Corbusier to become in-volved with the planning of the new capital for Punjab. Her intellectual honesty was accompanied by immense humanity: her con structive opposition to apart heid resulted in the creation of a racially integrated

system of architectural edu-cation in South Africa. She inspired a number of students and young men in many countries; I was privileged to have been one of them.

#### Birthdays

Chris Bonington, mountaineer, 62; Billy Boston, rughy league player, 62; Steve Cairn, composer, 75; Charles Crich-ton, film director, 86; Ron Davies, Labour MP, 50; Bill mist, 40; Norman Granz, im-presario, 78; Sir Howard Hodgkin, painter, 64; Sir Fredthe most vulnerable.

In the case of seat-belt legislation (although he was a lot less responsible for this than he and your obitnarist chum, actor, 79; Jack Parnell. drummer, bandleader, 73; Judge Valerie Pearlman, 60: John Reid, jockey, 41: Dr Winifred Watkins, immunochemical geneticist, 72; Barhara Windsor, actress, 59; Charles Wood, playwright, 64.

#### Death Notices

FAWCETT. Biss Manuel Francett died suddenly in London on August 3rd. Funeral to be announced shortay.

GRESS, John, aged 80 years. Husband of Joan and Isther of Richard and Tilly Service and committal at Macclesfield Cremborium on Friday, August 9th, 1936 at 200pm. Enouline to Hooley Watson and Buckley, Tel. 01625 422734. Buckley, Tel. 01826 422724.

HAMPSON, on July 30th 1996 peacefully in hospital after a short illness, Phyllis, aged 53 years, of Worsley, loved wife of the late Norman Hampson, sister of Helida snd a dearly loved aurit. Cortege leaves her home on Priday 9th Jugust at 12.15 pm lov service at 55 Merk's Church, Worsley, 12.30 pm prior to committed at Overdale Crematorium, Bolton, 1.45 pm, Family flowers only by requisit places. Constants in lieu if desired to The British Heart Foundation. Enquiries Co-operative Funeral Services, Farmeorth and Walkdes Tel. 01204 57250.

#### in Memoriam

#### Births

BANDELSON, Jeonb Alexander David born 4 August 1996 to Mary and Johnny To place your amouncement teleph 0171 713 4567. Fax 0171 713 4129.

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#### **History waves**

AS TWO Americans of practically French extraction and eager that a fledgling art form find its wings, we would like to see the team put this rebuff behind it and get on with some thing that still rebounds to the glory of French culture with out necessarily giving audiences the willies. Here are a couple of ideas we've been

throwing about:

1. "Pasteurale": Life of the Great Druggist. The team making full use of the "freestyle". re-enacts Louis Pasteur's experiments with bacteria lead. ing to the germ theory of infec tion. His work on phylloxera is mirricked by deft strokes, as are his studies of chicken cholera. In an uplifting climax, swimmers are successfully "vaccinated" against anthrax and rables to the sound of the "1812" Overture. Four minutes, 29 seconds.

Lapin Agile": A celebration of French painting. Liberty leads the team, wearing Phrygian bathing caps and weight belts, into the deep end. The naiads assemble on the bottom of the consume a "Déjeuner sur l'Herbe." Then, shooting to the surface and gasping in tandem, they convey the sensa-tional reception of the Armory change for the optional

enange for the optional
"explosion in a shingle factory" finale.
3. "Dominance and Subversion": A post-humanist underwater ballet. Drawing on themes from Michel Foucault. the team symbolises its with-drawal of allegiance from the out-moded socio-historical construct of power and authoritarianism implicit in the state of buoyancy by perform-ing "The Death of Man" in an

empty pool. Sixty seconds. 4. "J'Accuzzi": The Dreyfus Affair. Finesses the painful opera libretto. In severe terry cloth robes, the team marches on to the diving board in French military style. One by one, they cannonball off, mim-

Esther Williams at the ing the discovery by a French spy in the German Embassy of a secret list of French documents recieved by Major Max von Schwartzkoppen, military attaché in Paris. Next, suspicion falls on Drevfus, followed by the acquittal of Esterhazy. Zola's open letter to the presi-dent of the Republic, Dreyfus's trip to Devil's Island, and the eventual unification and bringing to power of France's political left wing. In the shal-low end, Dreyfus is exonerated and given the gold medal of the Legion of Honor. Just under four minutes. Ohmpic notes on how to cause bigger ripples in the New York

#### Fat moves

Review. Judith Flanders

FAT Manifesto: Practice saying the word fat until it feels the same as short, tall, thin, young, or old. Chat with your

fat. Give it pet names. Doodle fat on your notepad during meetings: fat, fat, fat, fat, fat. Use it with your parents, with your partner. Let friends in on your secret. Say, "By the way, I'm fat." Not not plump, not bloated. FAT! Combine the word fat with other words in new and unusual ways: beautifully fat, fat and fabu-lous, fat pride. Use fat in a sentence: "You're looking good, are you getting fat?" met a handsome, fat man the other day." "Gee, I wish I could be fat like her." Try out these radical phrases on people you meet and watch their stunned reactions. Beat the bikini bulge blues a

#### **Hearty lines** "She seemed to have been

Thanks to David Ingoldsby.

born with those Attractions, which seat a Soveraigntie in the face of most beautiful per sons: yet was her mind endued with more excellent charms, then the Attractions of her Face: Modest and Mild of Disposition, Courteous of Carriage, and of such Affable

her to the name of Queen of Hearts, before she was designed for Queen over any subjects."

Proof that Princess Di has only been following ancient tradition. Extract on Lady Jane Grey, from Clement Barkdale, Memorials of Worthy Persons. The Third Decad. 1662. Thanks to Helen Vincent.

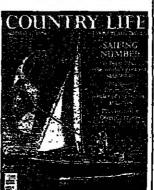
#### **Hot sock**

MY WIFE gave me a pair of red ski socks in the 1989-90 Whitbread Race, and when-ever I wore them, even if we were behind in the fleet, sud-denly we would be back in the front again. Sometimes we were quite a long way behind the fleet, maybe between Uruguay and Freemantle, and the crew would shout: "Come on, you've got to put your socks on!" "No, no. We'll wait until it really matters," I would say. Then I would put them on and the next day, maybe in a flat calm, we would have a breeze that no one else had. "In this latest America's

Cup, I wore the red socks. The

crew used to look askance at me as no one wore socks at all. When our bid ran out of

money, one of our sponsors de-vised a campaign for the public to support us by buying red socks. In one week, it made us half a million dollars, which we put back into the sails and other bits and pieces to keep ourselves going. You wouldn't believe the sight after winning the America's Cup. A group of farmers put their sheep into



Yachting . . . red socks saga

red socks, there were horses with red socks on, dogs and little old ladies in wheelchairs. When the curtain went up on the cast of 42nd Street, there the cast of 42nd Street, there were all these red socks dangling on stage. Then there was the prime minister and the elephant in the zoo... the place went crazy. People still wear them on the lapels, and someone's applied to the Guinness Book of Records to claim they have made the biomest and they have made the biggest red

sock ever." Nan Zenlander, Sir Peter Blake (who could claim to be the greatest yachtsman the world he ever seen) tells Country Life the secret of his success.

#### Morehair

"IT"S A spoof!" many will cry when they read Knitting with Dog Hair. It can't be taken straight. But why not? "The definitive guide to a new and ecologically friendly hobby", it is published by a respectable firm (Hutchinson at £6.99). Step-by-step instruc-tions take you all the way from collecting the dog or cat hairs to wearing the jerseys. caps, mittens, socks, scarves

and even blankets they turn and even blankets they turn into, and photographs of the finished products encourage and amaze. Far from being a solitary pastime for elderly spinsters (though spinsters in its original sense is exactly what the hobbyists are), it is our forward as an un-to-theput forward as an up-to-the-minute occupation for the whole family, the ultimate in recycling. "Better a sweater recycling. Better a sweater from a dog you know and love than a sheep you'll never meet", we are told. Does the finished product smell dogish or feline? Certainly not, the authors assure us. Wool has no smell of sheep after all, and careful washing at the start ensures a fragrant

result. A new method of continuing to feel your favourite pets pres-ence, after they have gone to the grand kennel in the sky. Reported in the Tablet

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## Finance Guardian

HSBC stuns the markets with the highest six-monthly figures in the history of corporate Britain

## Midland hits record profit

SBC, the global fi-nancial outfit range from the Midland Bank to the James Capel stockbroking firm, yesterday entered the record books as it unveiled the highest six monthly profit figures in the history of cor-

Underlining the pace of growth in the world banking industry, HSBC overshadowed the results of big companies like Shell, BT and ICI as it amounced that pretax interim profits had soared by 34 per cent to £2.32 billion.

demonstrates how financial companies have overtaken the profit performance of the largest industrial and manufacturing companies, as-tounded the City which was yesterday rapidly upgrading its estimates for the full year. worth six-figure sums for the highest paid directors, followed an increase in pre-tax profits from £26.9 mil-

Liez Buckingham

2305 million.

apath

EARSON, the company whose leisure empire

ranges from the Finan-cial Times to Alton Towers,

yesterday sold its regional

newspaper business, West-

The deal, which includes

titles such as the Northern Echo, Oxford Mail and the

Brighton Evening Argus, will

make its buyer Newsquest — the management team which

recently paid a similar sum for Reed international's local

newspaper business - one of

Press.

profits, shares rocketed on the profit announcement, closing 48p to 1164p. Shares were also boosted by a 62 per cent increase in the dividend to 15p — the first step in rebalancing how the interim and final payments are made.

between its staff because of

a sharp growth in profits, writes Patrick Donovan.

The payout, which will be worth six-figure sums for

merge the 60 titles owned by

120 local newspapers it

bought a few months ago from

The deal will put it in con-tention with Trinity as the biggest regional newspaper

The sale of Westminster co-

incided with poor interim profit figures from Pearson, which showed a 40 per cent

This was predominantly

because of another disas-

trous performance from its

CD-Rom company, Minds-

cape, coupled with reorgani-

stake and Grundy — but he did not rule out this option

owner in the country.

drop to £30.2 million.

Leading research houses were upgrading profit expectations for the full year by around 10 per cent to nearly

vances. Lending to large business projects, particularly in Analysts were taken by sur-

MERCHANT bank NM | lion to 235 million for the | Rothschild plans to | year to March 31. | But although there has

Unusually for a major FTSE prise at the unexpected real estate and construction, ompany unveiling scheduled growth in HSBC's large Hong were up by nearly 25 per cent.

Kong based operations which Overall profits from Hong Overall profits from Hong have seen sharp growth in Kong activities increased by a bank transactions and im-proved margins despite the quarter to £818 million over the half year period.
Its core Midland Bank operuncertainties created by next year's takeover of the colony

ations increased 35 per cent to £439 million with particularly The HongKongBank Group, which includes a near-62 per strong growth from First Direct. Nearly 90,000 customcent stake in Hang Seng ers have joined the telephone banking service over the past Bank, enjoyed a 7 per cent growth in loans and adsix months, largely prosper-ous account holders disaf-

takeovers such as Hanson's

purchase of Eastern Elec-

tricity and South Wales Electricity's purchase of

But although there has

been much speculation

about the future of the bank following the death of

heir-apparent Amschel

Rothschild, chairman Sir

186-year-old institution would remain independent.

Evelyn insisted that the

the entire market, the business now accounts for 5 per cent of lucrative ABCI customers. Underlining the growing trend for upmarket

customers to shop around for better deals, First Direct has been ensuring high quality customers by rejecting four out of ten applications. HSBC declined to detail First Direct's performance. HSBC said it had no plans

Six-figure bonuses for Rothschild directors in £18m payout for staff Writing in the bank's annual report, he ruled out merging with a larger bank. Earnings had been banking and treasury had enjoyed a good year, although the company had difficulty in the gold and driven by a 55 per cent gain in corporate finance profit, which included work on base metals markets at the end of the year.

The payout bonanza comes at a time when Roth-schilds has been losing a

Although First Direct ac | and only expected this year to counts for just 1.2 per cent of | shed around 200 jobs above previously announced redun-

dancy programmes.

Midland's operating costs
continue to fall, with the bank starting to benefit from its long-running efficiency drive. Despite widespread speculation, the bank added that it had "no shopping list" for any British acquisition in the retail banking market.

Chief executive Keith Whitson said that margins and fees were coming under pres-sure for lending to corporate

Overall profits were boosted by the Midland's recent disposal of its stake in the 3i group, which saw earn-ings from disposals over the lion to £263 million.

In the US, profits of HSBC Americas increased by £30 million to £115 million. Chairman William Purves said the bank would like to build up market share in the

#### Notebook

## Warning: cherry pickers keep out



Edited by Mark Milner

A s privatisations go, it is hardly lukely to be the most contentious. The Treasury, through merchant seeking expressions of inter-est from financial institutions in buying parts of the £1.1 billion Housing Corpora-tion loan book. Nonetheless, the issue is worth close

The loans, which date back to the seventies and eighties, were made to Housing Associations to top up direct grants funding subsidised housing for rent. In recent years, housing associations have been forced by government policy to raise the loan element of financing from the private sector, although the tinued providing Housing Association Grant - albeit at

a reduced level.

Given that the housing associations have been able to attract some 29 billion of pri-vate finance, it could be argued that the case for private rather than public provision of the associations finance loan element is proved, and therefore the privatisation of the loan portfolio is no more than a logical extension of what has already happened on the ground.

That is not the only issue, however. Some of the loans are extremely attractive, with fixed\_rates of up to 15 per cent. Even the average rate is 11.3 per cent. Housing associations have

the right to redeem the loans on their own properties, but for many the rates on offer are prohibitive. Premiums of up to 30 per cent of par value are not unknown, keeping

If outside financial institu-tions are to be allowed in, it must be on equal terms. Private buyers must not "cherry pick" the portfolio, and certainly not on better terms than the associations would be allowed to buy out loans on their own properties.

Ministers will no doubt argue that they will not proceed with the sale unless they are convinced they are getting the best deal. Critics are likely to see the sale as being Treasury driven. Perhaps the government could diffuse such criticism by promising that the proceeds of any sale will be applied to the provi-sion of social housing. But

#### **Vox pop victory**

ERGER and demerger are fashions not only in commercial life but in the public sector, as well, as the debate ebbs and flows between those who wanted "focused", single-purpose

gration" under one roof. In the field of financial supervining strongly in favour of merged, all-purpose megaunits for so long now that it behoves the neutral observer to beware the herd instinct. Yesterday this tide lapped a little further up the beach as

the Securities and Futures Authority, which polices Ex-change-based business, made it clear it sees the end game and the Bank of England's supervision department.

The rationale behind such wedding has been well rehearsed. Today's securities operations are, more likely than not, owned by a large commercial bank and, more important, use that bank's balance sheet as the launch platform for their own dealings. In such a climate, it makes little sense for the tail (securities) to be regulated by the SFA on the basis of one act of Parliament while the dog (banking) is regulated by the Bank on the basis of a

quite separate act.
Sceptics will rightly be wary of another expensive bureaucratic upheaval — especially if the net result is one new institutional letterhead but with the same two separate teams working as before. Nevertheless, the arguments in favour gain force by the day, and even the suspicious ought to remember that just doesn't mean it is wrong.

#### Ken's semaphore

HE Chancellor, Kenneth his image as a man whose first priority is a steady economy, not the po-litical fortunes of his party. He is also careful not to place too much weight on one set of economic figures. Yesterday, however, there were three new temptations which could tip the balance in favour lower interest rates in the November Budget.

Industrial output fell last month, and officials see little immediate prospect of a climb out of stagnation for manufacturing and the overall produc-tion industries.

Housing construction was weak, despite evidence of recovery in house prices.

The money supply figures, whose recent strength has alerted some experts to inflationary pressures, showed that the amount of notes and coins in circulation grew more slowly than the City was anticipating last month. The Bank of England is expected to use its quarterly in-flation report tomorrow to obliquely warn the Chancel-lor that further tinkering with base rates could risk overstimulating the economy. That is its job. But even the economists who share the Bank's view have factored in another 25-basis points cut as a likely outcome.

That might, however, be a risk too far for a Chancellor who reckons to put economics before politics. A further cut in rates would do little to help the beleaguered sectors of the economy, but it could send agencies and those who be-lieved in the virtues of "inte-nancial markets.

it does not give credit to Names for losses which have

been paid to date. Tony Wel-

offer should be made fairer.

Most of our members face fi-

Mr Welford maintains that

losses it has incurred in

recent years. The Names have

reject their individual offers.

#### sation charges at HarperCol-lins, the educational the two largest regional newspaper-owners in Britain. lina, Newsouest, which was publishing business a backed by the American buy-out group KKR alongside Cinquired from Rupert Mur-doch's News Corporation. Ven, the British venture capi-Pearson also revealed yestal operation, beat off a tarday that it was raising its competitive bid from Tony investment to 95 per cent in O'Reilly's Irish Independent the Spanish newspaper Newspapers in partnership with Mirror Group. group, Recoletos. Chairman Lord Blakenham It is understood that a lastsaid there were no immediate minute bid of £12 million plans for the group to follow more was lodged at the week-fashion and spin off its television interests — which in-clude Thames, a Channel 5

**Newsquest pips** 

**Pearson papers** 

for

Irish to buy

more was lodged at the week-end by Mr O'Reilly and MGN, but Pearson said transfer. but Pearson said yesterday it had decided in favour of a

The newly merged United News. MAI is also understood to have expressed interest in Westminster Press. from which Pearson expects to avoid interference from CE Westminster Press. from which Pearson expects to earn another £15 million in profits before the deal is completed.

Annoussement Dista	Completion Date	New owner/Vendor	Prio (Em
July 1995	Nov 1995	Trinity/Thompson Regional Newspapers	327.
Nov 1995	Nov 1995	Newsquest/Reed Regional Newspapers	205.
Nov 1995	Feb 1996	DMGT/Aberdeen Journals	82.
June 1996	July 1995	Johnston/Emap Regional Newspapers	211.
August 1996	_	Newsquest/ Westminster Press	305.

#### Shares deal boosts O'Reilly's pay to £41m

Mark Tran in New York and Lisa Buckingham

ONY O'Reilly, chairman of HJ Heinz, saw his total pay rise to \$64.1 million (£41.3 million) last year from \$2 million in 1984, thanks to a \$61.5 million gain on the exercise of about gain on the exercise of stock

options. executives in America. Mr control of Reilly used about half of his total package to finance a complicated transaction forbes the comment: "Tony which improved his stake in which increased his stake in O'Reilly's ego and paycheck the food group by nearly are bigger than his accomthe food group by nearly are bigger | 1.1 million shares, giving him | plishments." about 1.6 per cent of the com-

Mr O'Reilly, a former Ireland rugby international, saw his basic salary rise by 15 per cent to \$741,511. But his bonus jumped to \$1.8 million from \$1 i million.

Mr O'Reilly, who also chairs the Irish Independent group of newspapers and in Britain controls the Independent and Independent on Sunday day in parmership with Mirror Group Newspapers. was

also paid \$140,315 for his personal financial counselling services.

His Irish Independent group has expanded signifcantly in recent years through stakes in South Afri-

O'Reilly ranked fourth in the One of the most highly paid executive pay tables, accord-

> Forbes noted that in 1991-1995 Heinz shares failed to keep pace with the Standard & Poor's 500. "We won't try to justify what HJ Heinz has paid the flamboyant Anthony O'Reilly since 1991," the mag-

azine said. Heinz did, however, show a 12 per cent profits rise to \$659.3 million in the 1996 financial year, thanks to aggressive acquisitions, divestment of old brands and



## Allied pubs serve a new sort of tot

NCE they skulked in the back seat of the car, scoffing crisps and warm Coca-Cola while their parents guzzled Tavern Keg and played bar billiards.

Then came pub gardens, followed by "children's rooms" and, eventually, "family pubs", complete with play areas and bouncy

Now the kid-in-the-pub has taken his/her place at the bar, as a valued customer deserving his/her own supermarket-style loy-

and gone straight to the heart of the real youth mar-ket — children aged three

Even the hardiest advo-cate of "civilised" conti-nental-style attitudes to li-quor may blanch at the prospect of encouraging kindergarten-age toddlers to stroll into the local for swift pint or three. But, as Allied is quick to point out, the Wacky Gang loyalty card is no such scheme. Adult regulars of the

soon-to-be 110-strong Big Steak Pub chain may be happy to learn that the Wacky Gang card cannot actually be used in any of the pubs. They may be less happy to learn that the cards are for use in the



are "giant playbarn(s)" ad-joining each of the pub. Allied Domecq has leap-frogged other brewers with their weedy "18-24 pubs" | Wacky Warehouses, which | of any idea that their off-ror video Child's Play 3.

spring can be dumped in the Wacky Warehouse while they repair to the neighbouring boozer — Allied requires parents to supervise their children and consume their drinks from paper cups, for "safety" reasons.

The only good news seems to be that kiddle purchases in the Warehouse

accrue points not only on their Wacky cards but also on their parents' Big Steak Pub loyalty cards, which are simultaneously being launched nationally.

Heading the Wacky Gang is an Allied creation called Wesley. Supposedly a 1990s Just William, he bears a frightening resemblance to Parents will be disabused | Chucky, the doll in the hor-

## SFA chief expects sole watchdog

Dan Atlantan

N ALL-POWERFUL regulator for the banking and securities industry, absorbing the current rôle of the Bank of England, is likely to be established whatever the result of the general election, the stock-market supervisor the Securities and Futures Authority said yester-

day. Chairman Nicholas Dur-Chairman Nicholas Dur-lacher suggested that the City's chief "referee", the Se-curities and Investments | tem as it was. Despite the disappearance of some of the original super-visors — including the bro-kers' regulator Fimbra — Mr

supervision would be detached from the Bank of England and effectively married to the SFA Whoever wins the election, he said, was unlikely to leave

the 10-year-old regulatory system as it was.

marged with his substitutions including the SFA.
And, in order to achieve "meaningful economies of scale," he said, banking cluded the backwash from the collapse of Barings and the scandal surrounding Sumitomo's rogue copper trader, Ya-

> subject of an SFA inquiry. Away from the headlines. the agency has quietly processed 42 disciplinary cases against individual members during the year, and against 11 member firms.

Board, would probably be merged with its subsidiaries, including the SFA.

Durlacher said one more | the 28 people and eight firms shake-up was due. He was disciplined in 1994-95, but litting the SFA. totals of 43 people and six firms. Nineteen individual mem-

bers have been expelled from the SFA for various offences during the year, against 15 last year. Spending shot up from

£17.5 million last year before the SIB levy to £22.8 million, a rise accounted for partly by the additional £3 million spent on the new computer system installed for tracking This is a sharp increase on | trading activities of members.

## **Paying Names** appeal to judge

Pauline Spr<del>in</del>gett

ford, chairman of the action group, said: "Our objective is to get a resolution of our com-ISGRUNTLED investing Names at Lloyd's of London yesterday succeeded in initiating a legal challenge to the market's £3.2 plaints, not to try to bring down Lloyd's. We feel the billion rescue package. The 3,000-strong Paying Names Action Group was given permission by High Court judge Mr Justice nancial ruin.'

his members have behaved Turner to go ahead with a ju-dicial review of the Lloyd's honourably by paying their debts to Lloyd's, often by incurring debts elsewhere or by selling family assets. The Lloyd's rescue plan is rescue plan. The hearing is due to start next week. John Abramson, of solicidesigned to go towards com-pensating the market's 34,000 Names for the £8 billion-plus tors Warner Cranston, acting

for the group, said a victory for the rebel Names could force Lloyd's to reconsider its until August 28 to accept or

package.
The action group believes the package is unfair because

TOURIST RATES — BANK SELLS France 7 47 Germany 2.205 Greece 355.75 Hong Kong 11.65 India 54.67 Australia 1.937 Austria 15.61 Belglum 45.36 Ganada 2.072 Cyprus 0.685 Denmark 8.565 Finland 6.85 ireland 0 932

haiy 2,294 Singapore 2.1375 South Africa 6.73 Neither lends 2.4775 Spain 187.75 Sweden 10,03 Norway 9.58 Portugal 228.25 Saudi Arabia 5.76 Singapore 2.1375 Sweden 10,03 Switzerland 1,7775 Turkey 123,080 USA 1.51

## **Industrial** stagnation' cues rate cut

Sarah Ryle

OPES that the manufacturing sector was on the road to recovery were shattered ures showed a surprise fall in factory output. this basis, there is still a good chance that we will see an-Recent surveys of execu-

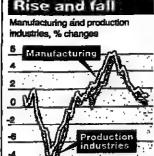
tives had suggested the mann. facturing sector could be on course for a speedy revival. But the Office for National Statistics yesterday disclosed that industrial output fell 1.1 per cent in June, with manufacturing output down 0.3 per cent.

Factory output has failed to grow for three successive quarters. This was seized upon by analysts who have been predicting that the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Kenneth Clarke, will make another cut in interest rates efore the Budget.

They said evidence of per-sistent sluggishness in the insector would strengthen Mr Clarke's hand in the anticipated tussle with the Bank of England over any further reduction in base

rates from the current level of | June compared with the same 5.75 per cent. UBS economist Andrew Cates said: "Until firms dig themselves out from beneath their burden of stocks and become more confident about the durability of this upturn in demand, activity will prob-ably continue to stagnate. On

other base-rate cut in the months ahead." Industrial output failed to grow in the three months to



The monthly drop was the worst since November 1992. and officials predicted that output would remain flat in both total industrial produc-tion and manufacturing inlor is understood to see as key measures of the overall health of the economy.

Separate evidence that the

door is still ajar for a further cut in interest rates was pro-vided by figures for houses built in the first six months of

Housing starts in June were 22 per cent lower than last year, with new building for the first six months in the year 11 per cent lower than in

struction minister Nick Raynsford said: "For all the brave talk about recovery, these hard figures show that the housing market is still desperately fragile and orders



## Sharp rise in BA profits fails to excite City £60m PFI plan

#### OUTLOOK/ Doubts over American deal hit carrier, writes Chris Barrie

ance between British Airways and American Airlines continued to dominate investor perception of the UK carrier yesterday when a sharp rise in first-quarter profits failed to excite

In normal circumstances investors could be expected to respond favourably to an 11.1 per cent rise in pre-tax profits which, in BA's case, took the surplus to £135 million on turnover 10.5 per cent up at £2.1 billion. But BA's shares ended 6.5p down at 534p. In the stratospheric poll-tics of the world's flag-carri-

HE prospect of an alli- | lomats count as much as pro-

ductivity per employee.

And in BA's case, facing litcase in the US courts.

two to pool their purchasing.

igation from its own partner, USAir, over its proposal to form an even closer alliance with US rival American, the prospects are as difficult to

ance with American, Without it, the group would struggle to develop as a global carrier.

Although the deal would enhance profits by allowing the

Analysts were stressing

yesterday that BA's long-term future depended on the alli-

cut costs and increase passen-

moves by United Airlines with Germany's Lufthansa. Chris Avery, an analyst

with Banque Paribas, said the only issue now was the identity of BA's US partner, USAir or American. And given USAir's litigation against BA, the indications were that BA's first suitor was looking to unravel its transatiantic

that USAir was putting down a marker for the talks on an 'open skies" agreement, which could see US carriers being given greater access to Heathrow. London is host to the next round of talks in

BA is playing down the rift. Holder of a 24.6 per cent stake in USAir, the company said it

operation continued. But the group also stressed that it would fight USAir's moves to force it to divest its stake and remove BA directors from its

Apart from political battles, there are financial risks in first-quarter contribution from BA partners - USAir, Qantas, Deutsche BA and TAT, plus franchise operators
— doubled to £50 million, but that contribution was described by Mr Avery as "dis-

appointing". Analysis also focused on an 11.6 per cent increase in costs. BA said the rise was due to a 31 per cent increase in fuel costs, following a severe winter which caused a shortage of aviation fuel. Adverse dol-

employee costs rose 11.8 per cent due to a 3.6 per cent pay rise and a growing workforce Sir Colin Marshall, BA chairman, was, however, optimistic. Describing the outlook for the industry and BA as "encouraging", he forecast a record year for the sector. The airline carried 8.35 mil-

lion passengers, slightly up on last year. But as passengers fly further so revenue per passenger kilometre is rising, in this case by 3.7 per pent. The airline increased its capacity by 5.9 per cent, spell-ing a fall of 1.6 per cent to 71.9 per cent in the passenger load factor — the percentage of seats sold. Margins are benefiting, though, from stronger

demand for first and Club

against the improving profit-ability of the industry as a whole. According to the Inter-national Air Transport Association (Ista), the air-

(£10 billion) in the four years to 1993 on scheduled intermetional services. Profits returned in 1994 at \$1.6 billion, rose to \$5.8 billion last year, and are pencilled in

at \$6 billion this year. However, the temptation to price at marginal cost in hard times has proved overwhelming through the recassion, and margins have yet to recover fully. Debt remains high, in BA's case at 23.5 billion, 56.4 per cent as a debt-to-capital ratio. Nevertheless, lata predicts airline traffic will double in the next

## Cartyn Polsell

leaguered private fi-nance initiative received a much needed boost yesterday when the Inland Revenue unveiled a £60 million office development scheme.

Treasury Michael Jack, pictured above centre at the site, announced that the taxman's first PFI venture will be built in Salford, Greater Manchester. The futuristic in March 1998, will bring together 11 existing offices Inland Revenue's largest

office reorganisations. clude the redevelopment of a former bospital in Stockport where new offices will be developed behind a listed early Victorian falisted early Victorian falignment of the network is cade, drawing together April 1998. The reorganisaabout 350 staff from three offices. Some 180 jobs will be lost by "natural wastage" in the reorganisation.

The new Salford offices, which will handle the tax affairs of 2 million PAYE taxpayers in London and the South-east, will mark "a pioneering use of pri-vate finance," Mr Jack

Taxmen rely on

He said that the introduction of PFI marked an end to the days of "build and disappear" by private builders in public sector office development. He said: "Now all the risks are the responsibility of the developer and that's putting the risk where it can be handled best, in the private

The Manchester area project is part of a 10-year programme of restructuring tax offices, which will from about 300 to 166. Around 70 office schemes

tion coincides with the introduction in 1996/7 of self assessment for 9 million

#### US airlines compete to see how Tunnel claims best month yet far they can bring down fares

Mark Tran in New York

ARE-cutting in the US airline industry reached new levels yesterday as American Airlines and United Airlines announced steep price reductions to those of America West Airlines.

American made its move in response to America West's offer of single tickets on long-haul flights for as little as \$50. The latest discounts follow a round of fare-cutting as airlines seek to encourage late summer and autumn travel.

Airlines say bookings of the ValuJet and TWA disasters. But they have an incentive to sell as many tickets as possible now.

tax on airline tickets is moving through Congress lers jammed its phone and could resurface later lines, bitting July sales bethis month. Carriers have cause regular customers pocketed some of the wind-

fall in ticket prices since the tax lapsed in December. America West, the ninthlargest carrier in the US, is trying to establish itself as a national low-fare, full-service airline. Single fares

of \$50 (£32), \$100 or \$150, based primarily on length of trip, will be available on most routes, except from certain overcrowded airports such as New York's La Guardia and Washington's National Airport.
The most attractive fares

will be offered on America West's least desirable flight times, such as the carrier's "Nite Flights" — late-night trips that operate through Las Vegas, near its Arizona base, and seats are limited. Southwest Airlines sparked a ticket-buying frenzy last month by offer-Legislation reinstating a ing single fares of \$25. The 10 per cent federal excise airline sold more than 4.5 million seats and travel-

HE Channel tunnel recorded its best month yet in July, with more than 240,000 cars and some 54,000 trucks being transported under the English Channel, according to new

The number of cars, motor cycles, caravans and coaches using the tunnel in July was more than double the same month last year and 31 per cent up on this June, in what the operator, Eurotunnel, described as a successful start

Its figures show the tunnel increasingly winning support and custom after suffering huge teething troubles at the beginning of operations in December 1994.

Last weekend alone saw 31,000 cars and coaches passing through the tunnel more than a fifth of the traffic through the tunnel in the

## Eurotunnel traffic nds of vehicles Cars, bikes and coache Trucks and iorrise

For July as a whole, 240,129 cars, motorbikes, caravans and coaches used Shuttle services. compared with just

over 114,000 last July. The number of passengers using high-speed Eurostar trains went over the mark 500,000 for the first time in July — a 72 per cent increase on the the total for last July.

gers have travelled on Euro star trains so far this year. Shuttle freight services handled 54,978 journeys by trucks and lorries an increase of 45 per cent on the previous July. Tonnes of freight increase by 85 per cent to 214,141.

Eurotunnel said the land route to the Continent was now carving out a growing share of the market, with its share of the car market up to 44 per cent and in freight increased to 45 per cent.

The encouraging figures for Eurotunnel come after an in-creasingly intense commer-cial battle with the ferry operators and the short-haul airlines. In May, the group announced it was halving its main return fare to 2129. Ferry operators immediately hit back, promising to match any deal offered by Eurotun-nel and have since received government clearance to pool resources on cross-Channel

Airlines have seen their traffic hit by the Eurostar service, with the Paris route most severely hit. A spokes-woman for Eurotunnel said that the service had grown in popularity with the introduction of a more frequent and reliable service.

The introduction of special offers — including deals on duty-free goods for travellers using Shuttle services — had helped boost trade.

#### News in brief

#### Suitors press claims for Kleinwort trust FIVE suitors for the Kleinwort European Privatisation Invest-

nent Trust have made approaches, with two or three more expected to emerge, according to market sources.

The interested parties for the trust, known as Kepit, include most of the big names in the personal equity plan market, including Morgan Grenfell, Schroders and American combine Fidelity.

The battle for the £500 million trust — which has about

120.000 small shareholders — took an unexpected twist when Kepit's directors invited interested parties to come up with detailed proposals within the next fortnight. The invitation has not been extended to Henderson Touche Remnant, whose TR European Growth Trust last week made a

Kleinwort Benson Investment Management said it was still the manager to run the fund, since it had done so for two years. It would not be demanding a termination fee. Peter Ellis, deputy chairman, said: "We believe KBIM is best placed to deliver value to Kepit shareholders." — Ian King

#### Britannia members cash in

BRITANNIA, Britain's sixth-largest building society, is set to meet its target of sharing out some £35 million, a third of its meet its target of starting out some LSS infinion, a third of its expected 1996 profits, as a loyalty bonus for members. The society, which yesterday announced profits of £57.3 million for the first six months of the year, an increase of 13 per cent on the same period last year, in February became the first society to offer its 1.6 mil-

lion members a direct share of profits as a loyalty incentive.

John Heaps, Britamia's chief executive, said the scheme,
which early next year will pay the first annual cash bonuses,
averaging \$40 each — was "a first-class example of modern
mutuality in action". — Jill Papworth

#### Allders buys out Owen shops

Allders, the department stores group, is negotiating to buy several shops from rival Owen Owen for an expected £23 million.

The move follows the recent sale of Allders' international tax and duty-free businesses, which left the company with spare cash of more than £100 million.

of more than 1100 million.

Aliders had already said it intended to use the proceeds to enable it to speed up the development of its UK department stores business. It said the purchase of some of the Owen Owen stores would be a significant step towards achieving this aim. — Pauline

#### Swiss bank £600m in profit

UNION Bank of Switzerland, the country's largest commercial bank, announced in Zurich yesterday that its first-half net profit rose 32.7 per cent to 1.109 billion Swiss francs (£600 million) from a vear earlier.

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The bank attributed its first-half results, which it described as 'very good," to strong trading performance backed up by a 'substantial" rise in commission income and an improvement in interest income.

However, in its statement the bank warned it is unlikely the second-half results will be as strong as those in the first six months, which were bolstered by "exceptionally favourable conditions in financial markets". - AP

## Salvesen ponders fresh Hays bid as family splits

Pressure builds on directors to accept deal for power group, reports lan King

IRECTORS of Christian Salvesen, the logistics and power hire group, will meet today to consider a raised offer from business services group Hays. Hays, which had an offer rejected last week valuing Salvesen shares at 370p, is understood to have raised its cash-and-shares offer to around 390p at the weekend — valuing Salvesen at £1.14 billion.

Ronnie Front Hawa's about

Ronnie Frost, Hays's chair-man, is thought to be unwilling to pay more than 400p a share, which would secure a knockout bid, but which would dilute earnings for Hays. He is still known to prefer a recommendation for any offer from Salvesen's direc-

tional shareholders — includ-ing Mercury Asset Management. Gartmore and Standard Life — on the price they would back. But Mr Frost has also made

clear that he is prepared to walk away from a deal if the walk away from a teal it the price is not right — a move which would prompt a collapse in the Salvesen share price. City analysts expect that in such a situation, Salvesen would be forced into proceeding action to satisfy remedial action to satisfy angry shareholders, perhaps involving a share buy-back or even a full demerger of the

Last night, Salvesen shares closed down 8p at 351p, while Hays shares climbed 5p to

Neither side would last night confirm or deny that Hays had raised its offer or that Salvesen was meeting to tors, who have been holding consider the proposals. There out for a deal in the region of was no comment on suggess secure a deal with Mr Frost.

400p, and who last week, in an unusual move, told him they would consider a higher offer.

He has also held lengthy talks with Hays's instituvolving the sale of part of Salvesen's European logistics husinesses, which would give Hays the added continental muscle it craves, is also being

However, sources in the City indicated that meetings had reached an intense stage, and that an announcement was expected some time later Crucial to the outcome will

be the voting intentions of the founding Salvesen family, whose 200 members collec-tively control 38 per cent of the company, but which is di-vided on whether to side with Mr Frost. It is thought that some of the younger members of the family are in favour of

Rumours circulating yes terday in the Edinburgh broking community, which has traditionally been closer to both the company and the Salvesen family, suggested that family members are putting pressure on Chris Masters. Salvesen's chief executive, to



#### A Pocket-size problem for Bluebird Toys

INTENSE competition and too many Polly Pockets held in shops have left halftime pre-tax profits of Blue-bird Toys down 59 per cent at £3.1 million, writes Pouine Springett.
"The harsh world market conditions are having an adverse affect on the the current year's perform-ance," said chairman Mar-

tin Bunting. He warned that turnover would be slightly lower in the second half of the year. But the company, which But the company, which was last year the subject of takeover speculation, said it was already hitting back at its competitors, with its recently launched Disney and Batman miniature toys selling well. These will be joined later this year by Spider Man and Space Monkey toys.

key toys.
Analysts have predicted an eventual tussle between the US toy groups Hasbro and Mattel for Bluebird, although the takeover speculation has recently become more united. Pictured: Batman meets The

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#### **OLYMPIC GAMES**

## Britain and the fading gold standard

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the final medals decline of self-flagellating proportions; for France (15 golds as against eight in Barcelona) it is being hailed as a national triumph. For the hosts, who took their expected lion's share, the domination is spectacularly down on that of 12 years ago, when the Ga were last held in the United States (83 gold, 61 silver, 30 bronze in Los Angeles), but the Eastern Bloc boycott of 1984 had a lot to do with For the Russians and the

ans the medal totals have been reduced to relatively modest proportions, well down on Barcelona (33 and 45 golds respectively four years ago), at last reflecting the decline in state funding (and, dare it he said, in the contribution of the state chemists) since the Soviet break-up and German reunification.

Britain's medal tally of 15, meagre though it certainly is, is better than in Montreal 1976 (three gold, five silver, five bronze), Mexico City 1968 (5-5-3) and Helsinki 1952 (1-2-6). But it is gold that mat-ters, and British teams

have had to settle for the single solitary "big yellow one" only twice before in the modern Games' 100year history - St Louis in 1904 (when an early form of the decathlon was won for Britain by a proud, inde-pendent 34-year-old Irishman called Tom Kiely) and Helsinki, when Harry Llewellyn and Foxhunter pulled the nation into relief and respectability in the team showjumping — the final event on the final afternoon of the entire

Otherwise the table proves the widening of Celestine Babayaro's somer throughout the world: 79 of ing for Nigeria in the football the competing nations took home at least one medal; the figure for Barcelona was 64, for Seoul 52.

Sixty years ago in Berlin, before the war changed the shape of the world for ever, the gold medals were shared by 21 nations; at the victory ceremonies in Atlanta no fewer than 54 national anthems were played at least once.



Song cycle . . . a representation of Sydney Opera House dominates the closing ceremony of the Olympic Games and whets the appetite for Australia in 2000

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had done. The Flop

#### Dixie darlings and southern discomfort: Guardian writers on Atlanta's highs and lows

Rachida Mahamane of Nigeria. aged 14, who finished tour minutes behind Sonia O'Sullivan in her 5,000m heet.

Carl Lewis, who by his arro gance managed to foul up both his own triumph and the chances of the relay team. The Imag

excellence sault and handspring after scor-The Flop

The city of Atlanta, now an international byword for disorganisation and tackiness.

Anything offered by anyone who had to play against the basketball Dream Team.

Steven Redgrave, collapsing on his cers. "After 16 years I just didn't give a toss any more."
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Chooser of the British sailing squad's HQ — a segregated whites-only yacht club up to Virginia Bottomiey - bedrag gled and bewildered and being

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"We trained here for four years by ourselves but we were too led when all these foreign

boats arrived to crowd our water." The medal-less US

The spectators, unashamedly pro-American but always pro-lific, they gave the Games their sense of occasion.

Athens, Greece, whose over

confidence in the 1990 bidding Matthew Pinsent standing alone on the medal pontoon as Steven Redgrave enjoyed his

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British government policy on achievement of sporting excellence, 1979-1996. The Excuse "I've been bitten by a mos-

quito." Liz McColgan after fin-ishing out of the medals in the

#### Final Medals Table

Donovan Bailey for the electrifying sprint that assuaged Can-ada post-Ben Johnson.

gold to obscure Roger Black's The lone saxophonist outside Macy's department store play-ing I'm Dreaming of a White

The Flop Sonia O'Sullivan, who may be disowned by the Irish popula-Just about anything the Atlanta

Racing

## Nash House on comeback trail

Chris Hawkins

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Paragraphia materia

ASH HOUSE, one of the season's biggest talking horses and an 8-1 chance for the Derby before flopping in the Dante Stakes. is due to reappear after a three-month lay off in Hay-dock's Rose of Lancaster

Stakes on Saturday.
The Nashwan colt was ru-moured to be a world-beater but after finishing fourth to Glory of Dancer at York was found to be suffering from a virus and missed the Epsom

Peter Chapple-Hyam, his trainer, commented: "He was a very sick horse after York and lost a lot of weight, but he

twice in his life, winning a maiden at Newbury on his debut, but has some ambitions entries and is in the Champion Stakes and the

Among his possible opponents on Saturday is Glory of timeer, who was fourth in the Derby and has been rested since finishing a short-head again until he is back in the serond to Grape Tree Road in saddle. The suspension was the Grand Prix de Paris in imposed by the Galway stew-

for an 11th jockeys' championship, will not be riding ride again in Ireland. today. He had only one booked ride on Kings Har-mony for Peter Makin and days when taking the opening would have flown down to Holsworthy Novices' Selling take it but has cried off be Hurdle - a race in which rause his plane is grounded.
Makin commented: "Everyfell.

Eddery may be passing up a winner as Kings Harmony (3.00) looks the pick in the trainer is losing any



Hanningtons Handicap over seven furlongs. He has not won beyond six but this is a very easy track.

Backers should get off to a good start at the meeting with Tear White (2.00) in the Jimmy Heal Memorial Nursery.

Carrying 4lb overweight, he went down by a length to Fre-drik the Fierce in a hot nursery at Goodwood last week and today's event looks less demanding.

Mark Tompkins's stable is in form and Uncle George (2.30) should be another win-ner for the Newmarket trainer in the Stanmer Claiming Stakes. This is a frustrating gelding

and lost a lot of weight, but he has been coming back to himself and is beginning to work mally well."

Nash House has raced only twice in his life, winning a maiden at Newhury on his life. The McCov the chamnion Tony McCoy, the champion

jump jockey, was in great form at Newton Abbot yesterday when riding an 88-1 hat-trick on Springfield Dancer, Wakt and Verde Luna. McCoy starts a six-day ban tomorrow and asked trainer

John White not to run Wakt ards for excessive use of the whip and so incensed McCoy

Martin Pipe saddled Indra-McCoy's mount Kama Simba

one is weary at this time of the year and I understand. The booked Seb Sanders ing, when Kailash won the concluding Open National Hunt Flat race and there is little sign that the 51 year-old

enthusiasm.

He is talking of setting-up a stellite yard in France to shunder some of the rich satellite yard in France to plunder some of the rich prizes on the continent. He envisages taking 20 or so horses across and supervising the operation himself, leaving his son David in temporary charge of Pond House.

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## The game of golf as you should not like it, or why a round at the Forest of Arden adds up to 1984



Paul Weaver

CAME Peter Lilley's The social security ecretary's "snooper's cheats has been out only five

nation of gaff-blowers, spies, budgies and informers. The golf club, the last bas-tion of gentlemanly behav-iour, the final tattered remnant of play-up-play-up-and-play-the-game Britain, has made room for the spy lens, the closed-circuit camera. to pick out the green cheat. It is the thin end of the

Big Brother has obviously had a bad day at the office. What with warring dictators on the one hand and the Thought Police on the other, and all that fact distortion and history rewriting in the intray, he has finally opted for a

spot of Rand R. Or even Rand

A. He has taken his spoon and mashie-niblick and Jack Nick-The news that the Forest of Chepstow's St Pierre course had positioned cameras at

their easiest holes to nah

fraudsters is distressing.

Cameras are everywhere now. There is probably one in my PC, hidden and glowering informing my editor that I am not crouched in martyrdom in my garret but enjoying a swift

shandy in the Jolly Firkin. There is already one installed in cricket stumps in big matches and there is now some talk of sticking one in the umpire's hat, or perhaps

the ball itself, so that it can baleful stare as he abuses it. There is probably one in Mike Atherton's trouser pocket at this very moment, scouring that dark interior for any sign of Headingley soil.

We can do nothing about that but there are disturbing issues raised by the camera's intrusion on to the golf course to which we should not be resigned. This is about a game's sacred image and a player's honesty and chivalry, for essentially that is what this sport is all about. Now when it comes to golf I

spoiled contingent. This is not because of any particular dis-like of the game but just that, when tee shots do nothing more than provide catching ractice for short extra cover start to look elsewhere for

sporting glory. Golf, however, has always represented something special. It is largely selfadministered and meant to be beyond suspicion. A man's word is his bond is his handicap is his score.

Now, at the Forest of Arden. four surveillance cameras have been installed at certain holes, two at the tee and two next to the green. A control

and there is a swipe-card sys-tem next to the tee with which players can register their place on the film.

There is another motive for all this: money. The organisers claim the cameras will not only catch out those people but also record the genuine ones, allowing that player to relive the tee shot of his life. "We are offering people the chance to record something that may never happen to them again and the reaction

It has not gone down well

here has been very positive, says Sean Clark, director of golf at the Forest of Arden

Ryder Cup player Sam Tor-rance has described it as "an insult to professional golfers' and Michael Bonallack, secre tary of the Royal and Ancient at St Andrews, the headquarters of golf, has said he is appalled and could think of

nothing worse. John Bennett, chairman of the English Golf Union's championship committee says: "I don't think the risk of cheating, which is minimal, justifies this unwelcome eature. An inquiry is sufficient and I would monitor any player who had been

The union's secretary Paul

the English course and describes it as an expensive marketing gimmick in the United States, however, the suppliers Tee One Up claim. that similar cameras have caught a number of cheats. although not President Nixon when he threw a ball out of a thicket. And the former Open champion Nick Price says he knows of two tour players who

For me golf will never be the same. As for Orwell, he wrote a much better book than 1984. Animal Farm, in which he famously said: "Everyone is level par, but some people are more level par than others." Or something like that.

## Lombardo deal off

conviction that he is worthy of a bigger pay packet than Alan Shearer's yesterday scup-pered his proposed transfer between Juventus and Shef-

field Wednesday. The South Yorkshire club pulled out of the £3.7 million deal after Lombardo's representatives insisted their man should be the biggest earner

The day before he was due to join Wednesday the 30year-old Italian international winger asked for £500,000 per season more than the £1.2 million that Shearer is reportedly receiving at Newcastle United. But his demands were received unsympathetically

"We will not pay exagger-ated wages," said the Wednesday manager David Pleat. "We shall now find an alter-native to Lombardo."

ham Mackrell was unamused by Lombardo's demands. "We are disappointed because we had worked very hard on this we made him would have guaranteed he was one of the highest-paid players in England but we are not prepared to go down a path that would have meant us paying what can only be described as

crazy money." The deal would have comfortably surpassed Wednesday's previous transfer re-

the club paid for Andy Sinton and for Des Walker. Middlesbrough hope that their Italian signing Fabrizio Ravanelli will receive his international clearance in time to play against Juventus want to unload their Italian striker Andrea Silenzi but have yet to find a taker.

Liverpool's chances of reg istering their new signing Patrik Berger in time to make a contribution to the opening two rounds of their European Cup Winners' Cup campaign eceded yesterday.
Although the Czech inter-

national midfielder has completed his £3.2 million move from Borussia Dortmund, is could be another three weeks before he receives a work permit. And if Berger fails to meet Uefa's August 15 deadline he will be unable to appear in the competition until the quarter-finals. Neville Southall will decide

within the next three days whether to sever his ties with Everton after 16 years. The veteran goalkeeper is to hold talks with Wolverhampton Wanderers about a free transfer that, it is believed, would net him around £1 million

Blackburn Rovers yesterday allayed fears that their £5 million striker Chris Sutton had broken his leg during a United at the weekend.

Sutton was taken to hospital with an ankle injury. 'It is not as serious as first thought," said Rovers' assis tant manager Tony Parkes. cord of £2.75 million, which | "It's just tissue damage."



No place like home . . . Llansantifiraid warm up at the Recreation Park for their Cup Winners' Cup tie against Ruch Chorzow which has been switched to Wrexham 💎 CHRIS THOMOND

## Welsh Saints out to work miracle

Grahame Lloyd finds Llansantffraid, a village club in the Marches, hitting the European trail with a strong Breeze at their backs

ANTASY football fa- feed mill employs 50 of them | which they sometimes took | hind already won a place in the Uefa Cup as League of Wales champlons and in a memorable match at Cardini meeting the Uefa president

**Home is where** Celtic's heart is still hardly believe it but the unlikeliest of dreams is about to be realised.

ELTIC, with their priorities elsewhere, are likely to dip a toe rather than become fully immersed in European waters here in Slovakia this afternoon when they play the first leg of the Uefa Cup qualifying-round tie against FC Kosice. This dilution of the Scots' commitment to what is normally a passionately espoused cause stems from the need to overcome Rangers' domination of the Scottish game. Ear-lier in the summer, when it seemed possible that Celtic could be involved in a preliminary round tie in July, their manager Tommy Burns said that it would have less than his fullest attention.

We have priorities in the domestic game," he said on arrival in a rainy Kosice yesterday, "and if we had been involved in a preliminaryround tie we would have treated it as a training game.

no doubt about that.
"I was always adamant that our players should be properly rested and prepared for what we have to face in a long season. Now we can devote more energy to Europe. But anything we get there will be a bonus. What we have to do for this alwharm is a season. for this club now is get used to winning trophies at home

The absence of the injured Alan Stubbs, the £3.5 million central defender from Bolton. and Paolo di Canto, the mid-fielder bought from Milan for Connell, Thom, Donnelly (Connell, Thom, Donnelly (Connell)

£1 million, leaves Burns with limited selection options, although he is hopeful that the Italian will be on the bench, with the possibility of "getting on for half an hour or so".

Burns is left, however, with enough players with suffi-

cient incentive to do well against opponents who boast several Slovakian interna-tionals. Players such as the midfielder Phil O'Donnell, defender Brian O'Neil and striker Jorge Cadete missed virtually the whole of last sea-son for a variety of reasons. O'Neil, for example, having looked seriously diminished on his return from a longterm knee injury in the later stages of last season, has been a revelation in the pre-season outings, like a new player.
"I just wasn't right when I

first came back, there's no doubt about that," said O'Neil yesterday. "The thing is, when you're physically below peak, you suffer mentally too. But since the start of pre-sea-son training I've been feeling very strong, very committed, very happy and completely without inhibitions. You have

to be like that to perform properly at this level." Even if there is an ambivalence about their ambitions. Celtic appear to have the basic talent to secure a result that would give them a favourite's chance in the second leg two weeks' time, thereby qualifying for the first round proper.

#### Wright on at Loftus Road

CHRIS WRIGHT, the media entrepreneur and lifelong Queens Park Rangers fan, finally completed his takeover of the club vesterday writes Mar.

Initial objective of a swift return to the Premiership," he said, adding that money will be available for new players.

He also revealed plans to club yesterday, writes Mar-

basis of a team which should be able to fulfil our new 30.000-seat stadium.

players. He also revealed plans to move the club - along with "I believe we have the their tenants, the rugby

natics would be hard- and twice that number make pressed to match it and the villagers of Llansantffraid can

Six years ago this mid-Wales club, who were formed in 1959 and spent 30 years playing in the Montgomeryshire Amateur League, were struggling to raise a side. On Thursday they set out on the European trail in the Cup Winners' Cup hoping to achieve a possible first-round tie against Barcelona, Benfica or Liverpool

Fewer than a thousand people live in the small farming community of Llansantffraid-ym-Mechain — "St Brid-get's Church in the land of the River Kain" — two miles in-side the Welsh border near get's Church in the land of the River Kain" — two miles inside the Welsh border near Oswestry. The local animal—1990 when, after a season in qualified for Europe by reach—

up the club's regular home crowd at the Recreation Park,

Their clubhouse consists of two prefabricated classrooms imported from Shrewsbury the players change in the nearby community centre and the pitch doubles as the local school playing field. As a result Thursday's preliminary-round tie against Ruch Chorzow from Poland will be staged 20 miles away at The Racecourse in Wrexham.

The club's chairman Mike Hughes was a winger with the Saints in the early Sixties. "Things were rough at the beginning," he says. "We car-ried water to the changing-rooms in milk-churns and washed in an old tin bath." the field with only eight men, the committee decided it was time to stop playing for fun. Mike Brown, the only local member of the current side, was replaced as manager by Graham Breeze, a former Saints' goalkeeper.

"It was a very brave deci-It was a very prave deci-sion by the committee," says Breeze, editor-in-chief of the Mold-based North Wales Newspapers Group. "Nobody else took it seriously because the club was close to collapse and we had to completely rebuild the side but their am bition has been vindicated." After going semi-profes-sional Llansantffraid moved swiftly from the Mid-Wales League to the Manweb Cymru Alliance and then into the

Arms Park, Saints first outplayed the favourites and then beat them 3-2 in a penal-Their top scorer and assis-

tant manager Tomi Morgan, who runs a loans agency, joined Llansantffraid after being sacked as player-manager by Aberystwyth two years ago. "It's sometimes dificult to believe that there's a League of Wales side in the village, let alone a team playing in Europe," Morgan says.

"Since the Welsh Cup final my life's been a little like a roller-coaster ride. Three days later I was offered a twoyear contract to play football in South Korea. They'd seen the final on World Service television and mentioned a nice apartment and various have had tonsilitis and we'll fringe benefits before losing be without lan Evans in midinterest when I told them I field] because of an ankle inwas 38. I've also been in jury he picked up at work.

build-up to the European game which meant flying to Geneva for the draw and meeting the Uefa president Lennart Johansson." Everyone at Llansantfiraid realises that their European

adventure could all end in tears. Ruch Chorzow have won the Polish First Division as well as lifting the Polish Cup last season, they returned to the top flight after a year in the Second Division. Their squad contains five in-ternationals but their form has been patchy with two defeats in three league games. "Both sides are going into the unknown a little," says Morgan. "Let's just hope they give us some respect and we give them a good game."

Last-minute injury and ill-

ness have hampered Breeze's preparations.

"The best thing that's happened to us since the Welsh Cup win was being absolutely hammered 6-2 by Wrexham on Friday because it brought everyone down to earth. Real-istically I'll be delighted with draw or a 1-0 defeat, anything that keeps us in with a shout in the second leg." When the Llansantffraid

players sit down for their pre-match meal at one of the two village pubs, it will be beans or egg-on-toast rather than British beef but the choice has nothing to do with BSE. The main talking-point in the farming community is how another European hurwith Barry. Llansantffraid are trying to become the first League of Wales side to reach the first round of a European competition. Hand on heart, it seems unlikely that these par-ticular Saints will go march-

ing in.
\* Lan o'r Lian: Tocyn Tomi i Ewrop (Up from the parish: Tomi's ticket to Europe) can be seen tonight on SIC at 9.30.

#### Results

Rugby League

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Baseball

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Montreal 7. Cincinnall 3: Philadelphia 4. Pritsburgh 2; NY 2; SLOUR 4. Chicago 1, Colorado 6: Houston 7, S. Franceso 6: LA 4. Atlantia 6; S. Diego 6; Fronda 4. Standingue: Eastburn 1, Atlantia 49: S56-7; 3, NY (25-36-473-16); 4. Florida (51-60-459-17); 5. Philadelphia (46-65-414-223) Central 1; Houston (W60, LS2, Pcr 535-GB0); 2; St. Louis (59-52-332-8); 3. Cincinnal (55-54-98-45); 4. Chicago (53-57-462-6); 6. Pittsburgh (50-61-450-69). Westerns 1; S. Diego (90-53-537-16); 2. LA 150-54-513-19); 3. Colorado (57-54-514-2); 4. S. Franceso (46-53-422-12). AMERICAN LEAGUE: Boston 13, Minnenota 6. Ciovetand 4. Belifmore 2; Toronto 7, California 1, Debrot 3, Seatile 9; Kaness City 3, NY 5. Standinger Embryana 1, NY (W65, L44, Pct.596, GB0); 2, Bartimore (55-56-505-10); 3, Toronto (25-59-469-14); 4. Boston (50-60-458-150); 5. Detroit (38-73-342-59) Centrals 1. Ciovetand (4087, L44, Pct.504, GB0); 2. Chicago (61-50-50-6); 3, Minvaulee (54-55-465-13); 4. Minnesolta (55-56-468-15); 5. Kansas City (51-61-455-16). Worsterns 1, Tevas (62-49-59-0); 2. Seatile (60-50-515-19); 3. Oaklend (59-56-500-634). BOWANNESS (19-515-19); 3. Oaklend (59-56-500-634). BOWANNESS (19-515-19); 5. Oaklend (59-56-500-634). BOWANNESS (19-515-19); 5. Oaklend (59-56-500-634-42). BOWANNESS (19-515-19); 5. Oaklend (59-56-500-634-44). BOWANNESS (19-515-19); 5. Oaklend (59-56-500-634-44). California (52-56-465-10). BOWANNESS (19-500-634-461-10).

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Cricket

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WOMEN'S U-21 INTERNATIONALS

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Hockey

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Fixtures

SOCCEP

LIEFA CUP: Qualifying round, first leg:
Budapest Vasulas v Barry Tn (8.30); Kosica v Celtic (4.0); Zajojrie Vilnius v Aberden (4.30).
FRUMENT LEDS Bristol C v Bristol R (7.45);
Rounspow v Heredard (7.45); Chesham v
Hendon: Fullism v QFR (7.45); Greens v
Carlisle (7.0); intry Cable-Tel v Cardiff,
Kimbarlay v Risston: Lask v Craws; Millwill v Liverpool (7.45); Rotherham v Boton (7.45); Rushden & D v Arsensi (7.45);
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Rugby League

England's women gained a

Sport in brief

England's women gamed a rare victory over Germany at Under-21 level, winning 2-0 in Leipzig with goals from Lucy Newcombe and Helen Grant. Newcombe and Helen Grant, writes Pat Rowley. But England lost the series, going down 3-0 in the first match and 3-2 in the last despite goals from Fions Greenham and Denise Marston-Smith.

Snooker

The World Professional Billiards and Snooker Associ-ation hearing which could activate a 12-month ban on Alex Higgins was yesterday ad-journed to September 5, leaving him free to play in quali-fying competitions for next fying competitions for next season's world ranking events, writes Clive Everton. **Drugs in sport** 

The Bulgarian triple jumper Iva Prandzheva and the Russian hurdler Natalya Sheko-danova tested positive for ste-roids at the Olympics and face four-year bans.

Rugby Union South Africa have been forced by injury to make three a sound ac changes to the side that beat sive unit."

Australia at the weekend for the match against New Zealand in Bloemfontein on Saturday. The prop Marius Hurter, the centre Hennie le Roux and the lock Steve Atherton will replace Balle Swart, Brendan Venter and Johan Ackermann. New Zea land have already won the

Scotland, defending the tri-ples title, emerged as the only unbeaten team after six rounds of matches in the women's world champion-ships in Leamington Spa. The Scots beat Swaziland 21-15 to go top of Section One after the previous leaders South Africa were edged out 17-16 by Fiji. Scotland also led the pairs table after Julie Forrest and Joyce Lindores beat Botswa-na's Babs Anderson and Helen Graham 15-13. England moved into eighth place when Gill Fitzgerald and Norma Shaw beat Guernsey's Jean and Anne Simon 18-14.

ice Hockey

Sheffield Steelers have signed the Glasgow-born Canadian defenceman Scott Campbell from Newcastle. The Steelers' coach Clyde Tuyl said: "He is a sound addition to our defen-

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The long gamble

## **Arrow through Nicklaus' heart**

bow-string and cuts straight

between the two ends, mea-suring only 508 yards. The how hole is a three-shotter in

anyone's terms. The bow-string hole can, with length

and accuracy - and bravery

be covered comfortably

enough in two shots, setting

But to get the maximum benefit of the shorter hole, the

player has to gamble, he has

to hit a drive of some 280

yards or more, dead straight, on to an island fairway, or

perhaps find the ball unplay-able amid rocks and water.

Then he has to hit a long second, again over rocks and

t certain birdie.



ed. The man who has seen and experienced almost all of what golf has to offer cannot believe what the officials in charge of this week's US PGA Championship have done to the course at the Valhalla ciub here in

Valhalla is a Nicklaus de sign. When he was called in to create it the owner Dwight Gahm (pronounced "game") specified that it should be more than just a members' course, for he had in mind at-tracting a championship to

Although that was only 10 years ago, the \$6 million lay-out quickly attracted the attention of the USPGA, who invested in it to the tune of

but maybe also as a Ryder Copsite. Jim Awtrey, the PGA's

chief executive officer, says: "The real commitment is after this championship. If we elect to, we will then incres our holding to approximately 60 per cent and it is our intention to purchase the balance with the second tournament that is held there. We have accepted Valhalla as a championship site on its own."

Perhaps because of that proprietorial element the PGA has seen fit to make a major change in the way the course is to be played during its first major test. Without reference to Nicklaus it has attacked his whole design philosophy on one hole, the long 7th, a hole that has at-tracted attention thoughout

It is, in a sense, two holes. | capsulates Nicklaus's beliefs | ter; and there is the fact that | One measures a bow-shaped | on how the game should be | the island fairway would be a

But the PGA has, literally. declared those beliefs out of will be staked off, declared unusable, during the this

The best players in the world will be denied a challenge that many of them would eagerly have accepted. Worse still, spectators and television will be denied the chance of watching them suc-ceed or fail. Nicklaus says: No one consulted me about "No one consulted the about it I was just informed and I'm flabbergasted."

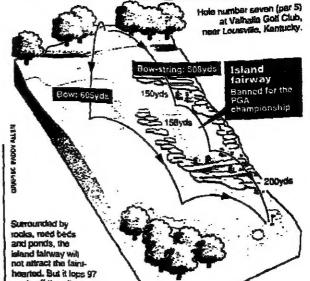
The PGA has provided a couple of reasons for elimi-

nating the shorter hole, nei-ther of which makes complete sense. It has, it says, three other reachable par-fives and long way from the spectators viewing would be

But a third reason, sug-gested by the golf architect Ron Whitten in America's Golf Digest, seems more likely. Standing on the 7th tee, the best players would see a relatively reachable target area, 156 yards deep and 65 yards wide, with a carry of only 150 yards.

accomplished players - and the PGA Championship has 20 or more club professionals rounding a tiny strip of grass. for the less dangerous, less challenging route and would therefore, be playing a quite

On the other hand, the less



But just because the speed of the convoy is that of the slowest ship, that hardly means that championships should be run for the benefit of the least skilled players

even an eacle.

ship, which starts here on Thursday, will be a less excit-ing event because of this decision and it will be interestin if and when the Ryder Cup is played at Valhalla, whether the same safety-first and

County Championship: Kent v Worcestershire

## **Kent caught out**

RATHER ordinary county championcycle race. Yorkshire have ost two on the trot, Leicester shire have come to a sudden stop and Kent appear to be go-

ing backwards.
Yesterday they caught the sticky end of a results pitch at the Canterbury Festival and Worcestershire howled them out for 108 to win by 192 runs. They were set 301 to win in a minimum of 84 overs and the game was up at lunch when

Matthew Fleming was top scorer, with an aggressive if other players reached double figures. Alamgir Sheriyar, with his fast, whippy arm action, made the most of the uneven bounce to take four for 58, including three for four in 15 balls, and there were three wickets for Stuart

Lampitt, who finished the and Lampitt took them to 207 match with two wickets in 40 minutes before the two balls.

Afterwards Daryl Foster play particulary well but this is our first championship demeans terminal. The team who won the toss here was going to win the game. Now

we will have to regroup."

Regrouping will be a test of character. They will be without their captain Steve Marsh and Mark Ealham for at least the next two weeks.

Ealham, who on Saturday aggravated a rib strain that has forced him out of the England reckoning for the second Test against Pakistan at Headingley, said: "The game has a habit of knocking you down.

146 for six and some jaunty hatting from Steve Rhodes

the Kent coach, did his vain best to sound cheery. "We had the worst of the pitch but we are playing at home so we can't complain. We didn't sent back back by Matthew wall have this Weller He failed to make it. Walker. He failed to make it Two balls later Rhodes dived in front of first slip to catch

Walker off Tom Moody.
The acting captain Carl
Hooper was third out at 34, on the back foot and betrayed by a ball which failed to bounce, and Nigel Llong inside-edged Sheriyar's next ball on to his off-stump. When Trevor Ward mis-pulled to mid-off just be-fore lunch, and with Ealham not batting, the chase was realistically over

Fleming batted with typical belligerence but after 38 balls, another Sheriyar delivery stopped on him and that left championship looks as

Leicestershire v Northamptonshire

## Maddy holds up for first century

David Foot at Grace Road

MAIDEN championship hundred has to be a matter for celebration. Darren Maddy, a conscientious if novice opener for Leicestershire this season, lifted his bat high, pulled off his helmet and beamed. This would be something to tell his

In such a romantic vein it seems mean-spirited to report that Maddy's innings was in no sense really memorable. though it happened on the day his county went top of the

championship.
Maddy, small and at 22 a trifle careworn in the way of a fourth-former desperate to please his sports master post-tioned at the back of the net, batted for just under six hours. There were only seven

The statistical landmark appeared to weigh him down in the 90s. As Maddy agonised misfielded at mid-on. The batsman went for a single and one can only speculate whether Ambrose's lapse was a subconscious gesture.

Northamptonsbire certainly hoped that Leicestershire would not stall any longer over a declaration. There had been a late-morn-ing period of almost pointless cricket but Leicestershire had done their sums and were

clearly in no mood to take

Home draws - any draws — are no longer the valued prerogative of the football pools punters. The declaration came at 296 for seven, leaving the visitors a target of 296 off at least 59 overs. They finished on 212 for five. Leicestershire had gone on

until after lunch. In that time Nixon and Smith were both run out. Maddy was on 99 at the interval; his previous highest in the championship had been 68 in the last match, although he scored a century against Oxford University last year. Those who know him best say he likes to go for his shots and the inhibitions of opening must not be allowed to get to him.

Northamptonshire expari-enced only minor scares. Fordham, already hit on the head, was caught in the slips off the awkward Mullally; Pierson earned three leg-befores in a row, the last victim being Loye after a solid 68; Curran's 62 not out contained a six and 10 fours.

There are testing times ahead for the elevated Leices tershire and bowling strength could be an anxiety. They will be without Mullally against Glamorgan at Swansea on Thursday but they hope Millus will be fit to return for the new ball. The captain

## tourists as he

WHILE most of the Paki-stanis were in a harry to head south for Leeds, Asif Mujtaba yesterday took the slow lane towards a possible berth in their side for the second Test. Mujtaba, who could play at Headingley if Asmir Sohail has not recovered from the hand injury he suffered in the first Test, batted throughout the Pakistanis second innings. He was largely responsible for

on his duck in the first innines.

The fact that anything short tended to fly over the little left-hander's head may have contributed to his circumspection and the Pakistanis will be glad to have got away from the Riverside Ground with no

more casualties.

The Man of the Match award came down to a choice between the rival captains. Wasim Akram took two more wickets in the morning to polish off Durham for 185 and finish with four for 19 to add to his three wickets in the first innings. He was also

## Mujtaba delays plays for place

them taking as much as 25.3 overs to achieve their target of 134 for a seven-wicket win. He made only

Thursday but they hope his side's top scorer with the new ball. The captain Whitaker will again be an absentee.

It is finding. He was also his side's top scorer with 68. But the award went to Mike Roseberry, who defied a broken finger to make 93 not out and 48.

# Flailing Flaming . . . but the Kent batsman survived this Sheriyar delivery 19 not out, an improvement

#### Scoreboard

KENT - WORGESTERSHIRE Arburge Wordestershire (Mote) best Canterburg Wordsdarshitz services (6) by 192 runs.
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re-2-1; Lampit U.4-2-5-3.
LEICESTERSHIPE v MONTHANTS
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Wols 204, P V Simenore 7s, Snape 4-43).
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Walton SI; Mullelly 4-112).
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MOTTINGHAMSHIPTE y GLAMORGAN Worksope Glamorgan (20pt) best Not-inghamship (2) by eight vickets. NOTTINGHAMSHIPME: First Innings 371 (A Notacife 128). GLAMORGAN: First Innings 489 (E P James 236, H Morris 69, R D 8 Croft 5m. MOTTINGHAMSHIPME. Total (90.3 count) 344
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Sevelings Wetkin 17-3-23-1; Gilbson 25.5-7-67-3; Crelt 85-8-62-0; Kendrick 13-5-5-3-3; Buchar 3-0-18-0. **GLIUPORGAU** 

Total (56.4 overs) .....

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TOUR MATCH (10 45, one day): Chelms-forth Essex v South Africa A. MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIOKEHIP:

## Caddick keeps a straight face

**David Foot** on the taciturn bowler who has gained a Test recall for his pains

restored to the Eng-land Test team this tions. The defensive eyes tell little; his responses are inclined to be laconic. But that flicker of a smile at the pleasure of his recall conveys a volume of personal resolve.

by the public image that he has partially created himself by not always going out of his who write about him.

He is neither an extroveri he is, however, is an eminently practical man — whether doing pernickety odd jobs with hammer and chisel around the County Ground at Taunton with an innate family tiling business raftsman's skill or hitting

oatsmen's stumps. Spectators in the West Country admire rather than spontaneously warm to him, changed in the dressing-They were in no doubt that, room. But there has been litprovided he was fit enough, he would return to the England side. It did not surprise them that he was more impressive than Darren Goneh recently at Scarborough. He has been assiduously monifored all summer.

One of the Test observers. Brian Bolus, made a special in New Zealand showed scant visit to the Bath Festival to regard for his progress. Inwatch him. Somerset's bowlers had a stinker against Worcestershire, then on the bottom and without a win.

Caddick was the exception. He has taken 46 first-class wickets this season. The rhythmic beanpole, with that uncanny resemblance to Richard Hadlee, has never been obsessed by speed. The aggression is in the bounce and remorseless accuracy: there are few county bowlers who are so consistently straight or more controlled. He makes the batsman play him; a wide, wasted ball is

anathema to him.

Caddick's last of 23 Test wickets was in Antigua more than two years ago. Then came the ominous injury wor ries. "His shins have gone for taken the wicket of Brian good" was the word on the Lara in Test cricket. That is

Championship matches in 1994 and played only six last summer. There was a grow-ing belief that the New Zealand-born player's career night be over. The medics pondered how best to give surgical processes were docu-

The shin-splint operation involved five holes being bone growth over the muscle. Yet, when he reported for preof '95, the pain returned. This time the trouble was attribclots in his shins.

He had more minor surger and wore specially built boot soles. Caddick, in his taciturn manner and moments of inclose to giving up the game. Only now does he admit how he faced up to the possibility of an enforced retirement at 26. He realistically accepted up his tools and head for home to resume work in the

At the start of this season there were "small niggles" in various parts of his body. Anxious looks were extle physically wrong with him since then. The spring is back in those prodigious steps.

his approach to the wicket. He is single-minded and competitive. He has no doubt continued to bear a grudge about the way the authorities deed he had no compunction about coming to England, home of his parents, to fur-

ther his career. "My ambition was to win back a Test place for the winter tour of New Zealand." he says, with the unspoken glint that reveals he has a psychological point or two to make. "Headingley comes very much as a bonus.

There has been courage in the way he has battled — at times in a wheelchair and on crutches — to make his suspect shins serviceable again. He has also worked on the art solid team man, purveyor of old-fashioned seam from a great height.

Four times Caddick has circuit. It was a reasonable no mean CV to present at conclusion. He missed six Leeds on Thursday.

#### Gibson propels Notts to defeat

five wickets for nine rans with his side needing two.

TITIS GIBSON and Neil After Chris Cairns had hit a blistering 70.

Mottinghamshire were eventually dismissed for tinghamshire at Worksop, instigating a collapse in which the home side lost

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#### **Rugby League**

#### **Hull looking for a lift into Super League**

Paul Fitzpatrick

Cessful and best supported clubs of the late Seven-ties and early Eighties, are hoping to be "fast-tracked" into Super League next

Their application would carry additional weight against possible rival submissions from Keighley, Hud-dersfield and Featherstone if they were to finish runners up to Salford, who look cer-tain to win the First Division. But even if Hull fail to finish that high — they will withdraw their bld if they fin-

ish lower than fourth, which | League last month.

is where they lie now - their application will carry many persuasive arguments.

Their Boulevard stadium has been used for international games and meets the "Framing the Future" policy document; and their geographical position, 80 miles from the nearest Super League club and in a big and passionate rugby league city,

could be a vote winner.

If Hull are successful it would bring the number of Super League clubs for 1997 to 14, possibly the ideal figure. South Wales, currently in the South Wales, currently in the Second Division, were "fast time in Dublin a year ago, tracked" into the Super play at Firhill Park, home of

Allan Mason, Hull's chairman, said: "With the increasing desire to play more com-petitive matches in the Super League, Hull FC wish to make their bid based on merit. "Historical contributions.

"Historical contributions, facilities and strategic geo-graphical significance qualify Hull FC's bid, based on fair-ness and achievement." Scotland hosts its first inter-national tonight since Great national tanget since Great Britain played Australia in Edinburgh in 1911 — a game watched by 6,000. There are unlikely to be that many tonight when Scotland and

and se<del>very the fighter party of the transfer the</del> electric

soccer's Partick Thistle.

## portsGuardian

## **Twickenham** move to save **Five Nations**

David Plummer reports on a last-minute compromise by England that could satisfy the other home unions and France

being thrown out of rugby's Five Nations Championship. France, Wales, Ireland and Scotland were meeting at a secret London address to consider Twickenham's latest offer and will give England their verdict today but the signs were that the long-standing tournament would not be coming to an end.

Ever since the Rugby Football Union lest April and their solutions of their solutions of the results of their solutions.

Ever since the Rugby Foot-bell Union last April an-nounced its intention to seek its own television deal for the championship, leaks have abounded from the four home unions but everyone was remaining tight-lipped in advance of last night's meeting. which was called following the six-hour gathering of the RFU's executive committee

England are believed to have made concessions on the two major sticking points: the division of television money and the broadcasting of the tournament on terrestrial

When Twickenham's representatives met the other unions last month in Cardiff and London the meetings broke up in acrimony because the English believed the others would be appeased by a more equal share-out of the £184 million Sky had offered the four unions: England had agreed a deal worth £87.5 million.

said one Five Nations' source.
"The goal-posts have moved
to such an extent that all four COMPROMISE by lion Ireland and Scotland £28 England last night million each) made it clear appeared to have saved them from entertain an exclusive Sky

countries stand to make a lot of money from the new deal. England now seem to accept that, while they have been the entertain an exclusive Sky deal. It is understood Twickundisputed European champiindisputed European champions this decade, they are not bigger than the tournament."
France were involved in last night's meeting even though they have a television contract of their own. That ends in three years, from when the French have readed to there where each etiham's compromise formula allows a terrestrial station 50-50 access, which would probably mean Sky showing one match on a championship weekend live and BBC or ITV

With sponsors also being sought for the tournament, it is likely that in the seasons to

come there will be an element

and the wooden-spoon hold-

ers the least.
The row has highlighted

it appears that the doves who

opposed the Sky deal have tri-umphed over the hawks who

negotiated it.
The RFU will be told of the

Martin Offiah relaunched

his rugby union career after

nine years when he joined Bedford on a four-year con-

tract hours after making his

inducements, have also backed down on the division of the television cash but they will still get more than the others because they are free to sell their club fixtures and other internationals at Twick-enham to the highest bidder,

England are looking to play South Airics, Australia and New Zealand but South Africa yesterday ridiculed sug-gestions of a three-nation tournament between them, England and France. Sky's original offer was for

five years, though Ireland, Scotland and Wales regarded that as too long with the cable revolution and digital televi-sion imminent. They were looking for a three-year agreement, four at the most. The four unions stand to

make around £8 million a year each from the new con-tract, compared to the current 22.25 million, with England set to make another 60 per cent on top and Wales around

## COWES WEEK SET FAIR WITH WIND IN ITS SAILS



(Wales were offered \$40.5 mil- | "England have come a long joined the League Two club. | Isle of Wight yesterday in a closely contested race at the annual yachting jamboree PHOTOGRAPH: STEPHEN MUNDAY

## making "purchases"

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## Newcastle gripped by Shearer frenzy

Guardian Crossword No 20,724

#### Michael Walker

LAN SHEARER will bring Newcastle to a standstill when he makes his first appearance at St James' Park today. Up to 20,000 supporters are likely to clog the city centre in the hope of getting a glimpse of the world's most expensive will not be allowed inside

Shearer's press conference interview to the thousands waiting outside. "With the factory holiday it's going to be frenzied but we are mak-

ing plans with police to keep things moving," said a clib spokesman. "We are providing enter

Set by Fawley

signing like this in the club's history." Shearer's arrival will be

have made special provision to deal with the un-precedented public inter-est. Shearer-frenzy caused flown in 24 hours earlier to tainment to keep fans fans to queue around the amused and Shearer will ground for additional tick-come out to greet them ets for Sunday's Charity Skeich, page 2

the ground. Instead the after his media interviews. Shield game with Manchesclub has fixed up a huge lit's a huge operation better United — scheduled to Tannoy system to relay cause there hasn't been a be the striker's first ap-

pearance in a black and white No. 9 shirt. Meanwhile hundreds of beamed across the world supporters were at Newcas-and Northumbria Police ile airport yesterday to wel-

dien.

Woman in

Most Interesting is the British **Airways** Weekender. which includes an inventive dirty-tricks package for neutralising road rivals in traffic-jam situations and an in-your-lap catering service which provides a very cold white break sandwich in a

1,5 A handy authority for regular training? (6,6) Dismiss objection, showing old-fashioned brass (7)

9 European's caught by small deception (7)

11 Local branch hostile about new, detailed references (7,3,5) 12 Cause a shock, turning

crazy (4) 13 Express needs someone to supply information for

growth (5,5) 17 Suffering after long ride, goes off, singly about it (6-4)

18 Opportunity to back Othello, perhaps? (4)

20 Valuable support offered at end of appointment (6,9) 23 Soldier in line about to make a mistake (7)

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- 3 but duck is broken
- suddenly, when scoring (6) 4 No rise? Debts to be paid? It's familiar, unfortunately—
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Time for a look at the future

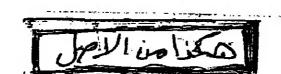
10 He may take responsibility if the Ashes are lost (4,7)

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- 21 Film star has role that's different and new (5)

22 is it right to interrupt this outrageous modern artist?





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